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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Japan And Her Trade

TWO conflicting reports have come from Tokyo during the past week. One stated that unless Britain reduced her import barriers against Japanese goods, Japan would divert her trade to the dollar and open-account areas, and reduce the importation of goods from the Sterling area. The other report declared that Japan was seriously considering increasing her trade with the Sterling area at the expense of the United States. It is conceivable that both statements were designed as propaganda to influence those taking part in the Anglo-Japanese balance of payments talks, yet they are not without significance. A reduction in the volume of trade between Britain and Japan may not appear to be a matter of major importance; nevertheless, any diminution of trade at this time—or, indeed, any time—should not be lightly regarded. The trading position of Japan is not dissimilar to that of Britain. She must maintain high volume of exports to pay for imports in order to retain the living standards of the country.

CONSIDERING the Japanese export position, however, it is not difficult to appreciate her point of view when she finds that her goods are being virtually shut out of other countries either through high tariff barriers or import restrictions. Since various Commonwealth countries have reduced their import quotas, Britain has found it difficult to obtain alternative markets, and, having in some cases been unable to do so, has diverted goods which would otherwise have been shipped abroad to domestic markets. And because Britain has been unable to maintain the previous volume of exports, she has had to limit imports. This, in turn, has had trade repercussions almost throughout the world, as the economies of one country after another have been adversely affected, and they too, have had to reduce imports and endeavour to increase exports in a shrinking world market.

THE Tokyo report of diverting trade from the Sterling area to the dollar area can be regarded as a show of optimism, because it is easier to talk about than to achieve. Moreover, it would seem that if earning dollars by exporting to America were merely a matter of diverting exports from, say, Britain to the United States, the Japanese would have done so long before now because Japan, like most other countries, is in need of dollars, the most readily convertible currency in the post-war world. That some way will have to be found soon to break the vicious circle connected with exports and imports if world-wide paralysis of trade, due to increasing import restrictions, is to be avoided, has been made abundantly clear during the past year or so. It is not a problem peculiar to Britain or Japan, since every nation in the world is affected to some extent or other whether they have become industrialised or remain mainly agricultural.

Russia Breaks Off Relations With Israel

SEQUEL TO LEGATION BOMB OUTRAGE

London, Feb. 12.

The Soviet Union has broken off relations with Israel, Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said today in a despatch received in London.

The rupture of diplomatic relations was announced after an explosion in the Soviet Legation in Tel-Aviv three days ago.

The explosion severely damaged part of the building and injured three people.

An official statement issued by Tass today announcing the severance of relations said: "On February 9 malefactors, acting with the obvious connivance of the Israel police, engineered a bomb explosion at the premises of the Soviet Legation in Israel."—Reuter.

"VILE CRIME"

London, Feb. 11. A "vile crime" was how Moscow Radio today angrily labelled the bombing of the Soviet Legation in Tel-Aviv in which three persons were injured.

The broadcast was monitored in London.

It said, "The terrorist act directed against the Soviet Legation in Israel, committed on February 9, was by ill-considered persons with the clear connivance of the Police."

"At 10.35 p.m. on that day a bomb was caused to explode by criminals on the premises of the USSR Legation. As a result, the wife of Minister Yershova, the wife of a Legation employee, Sysoyeva, and an employee of the Legation, Grishin, were wounded. Part of the Legation building was destroyed.

"It should be noted that this vile crime was preceded by an unbridled campaign of slander against the Soviet Union with the participation of official persons in Israel who had openly incited to hostile activities against the USSR and the USSR diplomatic Legation in Israel."—United Press.

STREET FIGHTING

Tel-Aviv, Feb. 11. More than 20 people were injured, some seriously, in street fighting in the heart of Tel-Aviv today when left-wing demonstrators clashed with anti-Soviet crowds.

The disturbance began when members of the Israeli-USSR Friendship League staged a mass meeting and parade to protest against the bomb incident in the Soviet Legation courtyard on Monday night.

Just as the meeting got under way a large crowd shouted down left-wing speakers, burned their leaflets and stoned their leaders. "And soon the 'Second of November' Square, where the meeting was held, was one large mass of sniffling people, with Communists and anti-Communists engaged in a series of brawls.

Among speakers who shouted down were left-wingers Dr. Moshe Sneh, Secretary-General of the Friendship League, and Mr. Shmouel Mikounis, General Secretary of the Communist Party.

When Dr. Sneh said "There is no anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union," a crowd shouted "Down" and "Lie".

More trouble broke out when the demonstrators began to march through the city's main thoroughfare, Allenby Street, towards the Soviet Legation.

The protesters, however, managed to reach the Legation where the left-wing leaders, including Dr. Sneh, Mr. Mikounis and Mr. Bentov, were received by the Soviet Minister, Mr. Pavel Yershov.

And conflicting shouts of "Long Live Stalin" and "Oren" in hand by a strong guard of police—the delegation assured Mr. Yershov that friendship between Israel and Russia would "continue to grow" until Israel becomes part of a free and happy world.

Cheers and shouts of "Traitors" greeted the delegates as they emerged from the building.—Reuter.

RADIO COMMENT

Warsaw Radio said tonight that the "terrorists" who caused Monday's bomb explosion in the Soviet Legation in Tel-Aviv "were encouraged by the benign attitude of the Israel police."

The Radio claimed that "this shameful crime" was preceded by a "slandrous campaign" in which Israeli Government representatives took part.

"They clearly incited their listeners to commit hostile acts against the Soviet Union and the Soviet diplomatic mission in Israel," the broadcast said.—Reuter.

Captain Of Oil Tanker Awaiting New Orders From The Owners

Singapore, Feb. 11.

Fifteen hours after anchoring off Singapore, the Captain of the Finnish tanker alleged to be carrying 7,000 tons of jet fuel for Communist China, told the United Press that he was waiting for new orders from the owners of the ship.

The Captain radioed the United Press in Singapore saying, "Thanks for your interest. We are waiting new orders from our owner in Finland."

Earlier, the United Press had radioed the ship's master asking: "When are you leaving? Which port are you making for? Do you realise your cargo is contravening the United Nations embargo on war materials for Communist China?"

Captain Merilinen said that two days ago he had received an order from the owners of the vessel to proceed and anchor outside Singapore. He said that he was instructed not to enter Singapore.

The Captain said that had it not been for this order from the owners he would have proceeded direct to Shanghai where he is supposed to discharge his cargo and load sunflower seed oil from there for England.

DOING HIS JOB

The Captain refused to disclose the nature of the cargo he was carrying from Constanza, Rumania, but when he was confronted with the question whether he realised that his cargo was contravening the United Nations embargo he replied, "I am aware of that but I am a captain doing my job."

Contented with the possibility of his being intercepted by Chinese Nationalist warships, the Captain conceded that he was taking a risk but he evaded the issue, replying, "But I may not be going after all, you see. Everything depends on new orders from the owners. I may be asked to go back. I may

have to discharge here or my owners may order me to press on. I take orders from the owners, nobody else."

He said that he made a straight run from Constanza without stopping at any port along the route and the only reason he had anchored off Singapore was because of the owners' orders.

He said that he resented a Singapore pilot's suggestion that he was waiting for orders from Russia.

He said that he did not need bunkers here as he had enough to make a straight run for Shanghai. A reliable source told the United Press, however, that the ship had requested fuel from Singapore and that this had been refused.

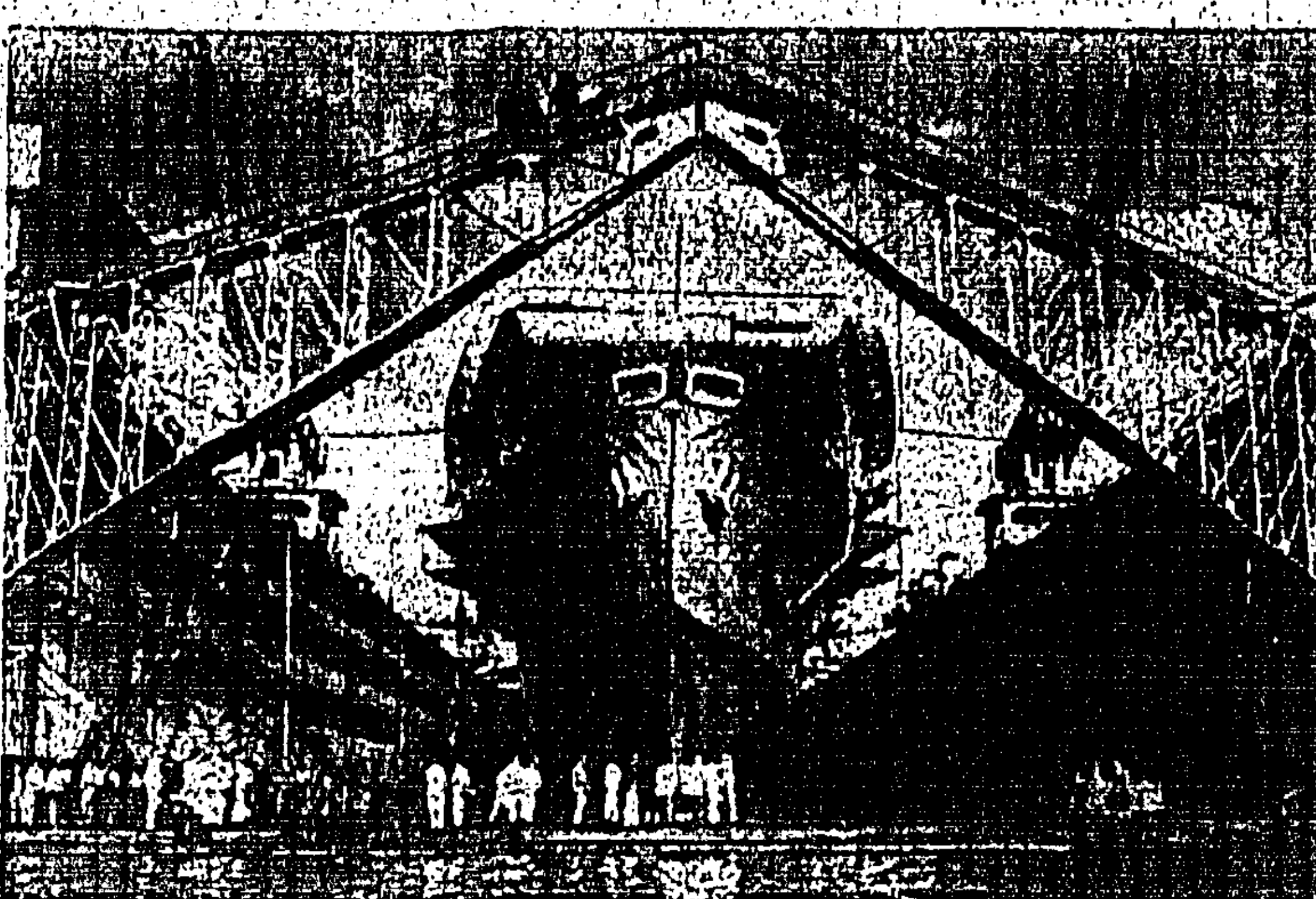
The Captain said that a strange thing had happened during the day. Since the vessel had anchored off Singapore the tide and stars had blown her around until she was pointing in the direction from where she had come.

With a laugh the Captain said, "This may mean that very likely I'll go back from where I came or I may have to discharge here. But my owners may order me to press on. I don't know."

Loaded almost up to her Plimsoll line the tanker is painted grey with her decks neat and clean and her crew of 41 "in good humour."—United Press.

HOME RULE FOR SUDAN

In Floating Dock After Korea Service



Powder Kills 152 Babies

Rennes, France, Feb. 11.

A brand of French baby powder killed 152 babies and made 752 others seriously ill in Western France last year, Magistrates announced here today, after an investigation into what became known as the "baby powder scandal."

The chemist, who ran the powder factory which has since been closed down, is to be tried for manslaughter.

The powder was a new product made in Bordeaux and widely distributed throughout Western France.

Doctors confronted last year with an epidemic of sores and rashes among babies decided the powder might have been responsible. On analysis, it proved to contain a heavy proportion of arsenic.

Magistrates, who investigated more than 1,000 complaints, decided that the powder definitely caused 152 deaths and possibly 50 more.

All 752 babies who were taken seriously ill with rashes had since recovered.—Reuter.

Talks Soon On Joint Plan For Far East

London, Feb. 11.

Official sources today disclosed that high British and French military representatives would meet soon to work out a plan for close co-operation and joint strategy in the Far East.

The sources said the representatives would be joined by Australian and New Zealand military men and the meeting was expected to be held at some time in the latter part of this month.

They said the Big Three Western Foreign Ministers agreed on a five-power conference on the Far East when they met in Paris last December. France in particular, with an eye on Indo-China, had urged in a formal memorandum to the NATO Council that overall strategy for the Orient be evolved.

While no firm commitments were made by either Mr. Dean Acheson, then US Secretary of State, or the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, a meeting was agreed on after further consultation among the three powers.

It was officially disclosed that agreement in principle had been reached by the State Department, the Foreign Office and the Quai d'Orsay. The meeting will consider the form and scope of future liaison in the Far East.

It was believed the five-power set-up might be extended later to other Far Eastern nations, but so far no decisions have been taken on this score.—United Press.

The light fleet carrier HMS Ocean (13,190 tons) in the Admiralty Floating Dock in Grand Harbour, Malta. Ocean, a unit of the Mediterranean Fleet, has just returned to Malta after service in Korean waters. The dock is one of the largest afloat and can accommodate the largest warships. It was built in Bombay at a cost of £1,500,000 and towed to Malta in three sections through the Suez Canal in 1947.—London Express.

Hard Winter Weather Grips Europe

London, Feb. 11.

Heavy rainstorms and gales brought new flooding to Belgium today when the rivers Leie and Senne burst their banks.

Other parts of Europe had snowstorms and freezing winds. Reuter cables gave this picture:

Brussels—Overflowing rivers flooded the streets of Halle and Tubize, towns southeast of Brussels.

The Hague—A strong north-east wind blew off the Dutch coast but did not affect the mainland, where the dyke menders continued their huge task of strengthening defences before the high spring tides expected on Friday.

Geneva—Snowstorms in the Jura played havoc with Swiss road and rail systems.

Rome—Italy had icy winds and snow fell in Venice.

Oslo—High storms raged today all along the Skagerrak coast, with temperatures down to minus ten degrees centigrade (14 Fahrenheit).

Gales, snow and extreme cold were forecast further inland in Norway.

North of Tromsheim, thick ice on the fjord blocked the port of Namsos.—Reuter.

Indomitable Not Sabotaged

London, Feb. 11.

The explosion in the 20,000-ton British aircraft carrier Indomitable, while on naval exercises in the Mediterranean last week, caused "considerable structural and electrical damage."

Mr. James Thomas, First Lord of the Admiralty, said this in reply to a question today in the House of Commons.

But he added that the ship would be operational when temporary repairs were finished at Malta.

The explosion, he said, was caused by a leakage of petrol that caught fire. There was no question of sabotage.

Two ratings were killed, four died as a result of their injuries, one is missing, presumed killed, and three officers and 23 ratings were injured, Mr. Thomas said.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Test: South Africa In Sight Of Victory

Melbourne, Feb. 12.

South Africa were within 118 runs of victory, with seven wickets in hand, in the fifth and final Test match against Australia at the luncheon adjournment today.

South Africa had brought their overnight total of 94 for one to 180 for three at the interval.

The two wickets that fell this morning were those of Eandean, who was bowled by Bill Johnston for 70, and Watkins, who was bowled by King for 50.

The second wicket partnership between Eandean and Watkins realised 82 runs, and Watkins added a further 50 valuable runs to the total with Ken Funtun before being dismissed.

At luncheon Funtun was 32 not out and Keith I not out. The fall of wickets were 1/42, 2/124 and 3/174.—Reuter.

AGREEMENT READY FOR SIGNATURE

(From Derek Marks)

London, Feb. 11. The Sudan gets Home Rule tomorrow if an agreement drawn up by Britain and Egypt is signed in Cairo without a hitch.

Within three years the Sudanese will be fully independent.

The agreement is expected to be signed by the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, and General Naguib in time for Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, to make a statement in the Commons tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Eden returned from holiday last night and gave the details to the Cabinet.

The pact covers these main points:

Elections in the Sudan, probably next month, under international supervision; and Appointment of a commission to advise the Government-General, Sir Robert Howe, until Independence Day.

NOT A BETRAYAL

Mr. Eden will say the agreement is not a betrayal of the Sudanese. He will maintain that it has always been British policy to grant them full independence at the earliest opportunity.

With agreement reached on the Sudan, Egypt will now move to her next demand—evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal Zone.

The British are willing to negotiate with General Naguib regarding withdrawal but only on condition that Egypt first agrees to join a Middle East defence pact.

Under the pact British troops in the Canal Zone would be replaced immediately by an international force.

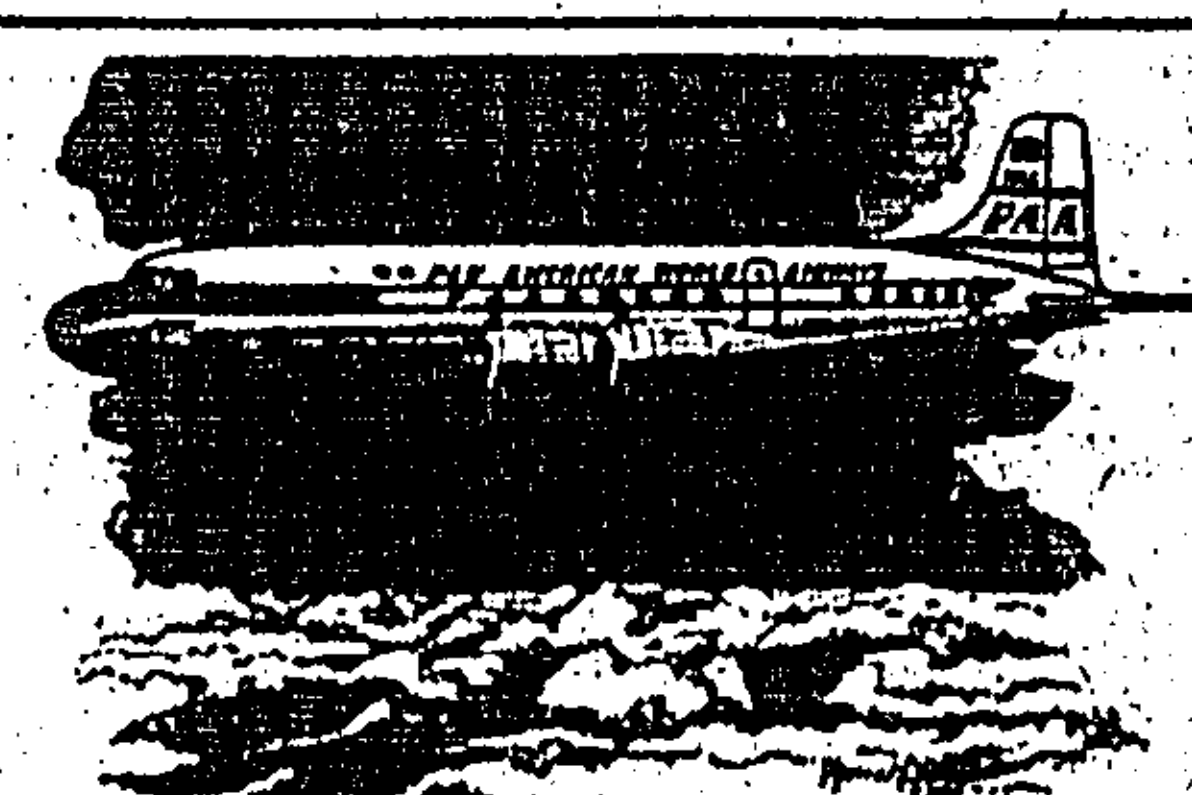
It is considered in Whitehall that this would be sufficient safeguard for the Canal in wartime.—London Express Service.

Chinese New Year Holidays

In view of the Chinese New Year holidays, there will be no publication of the China Mail on Saturday of this week.

The 16-page China Mail usually published on a Saturday will, in consequence, appear tomorrow (Friday).

The China Mail will publish as usual on Monday next.



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Clemency Refused The Rosenbergs

Washington, Feb. 11.

President Eisenhower today doomed the atomic spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, to death in the electric chair by denying clemency appeals and calling their "betrayal" a crime worse than murder.

Only last-minute intervention by the Supreme Court can prevent the New York couple from becoming the first Americans ever executed for espionage in peacetime.

The Court has twice refused to intervene and is not expected to change its mind. Communists all over the world have made the Rosenberg case a cause celebre.

In Ossining, New York, the Rosenbergs learned, through an announcement over the loud-speaker in the Death Row of Sing Sing Prison, of the President's refusal to save them.

Mr. Rosenberg, only occupant of the death house in the women's wing, sat alone in her cell as the bulletin was read. Warden Wilfred Denno said: "Her husband was in the men's section of the Death Row."

where prisoners may not have radios of their own. Loud-speakers from the central radio tower programme to the death house.

Mr. Denno said the couple would have to receive official notification from their counsel. He said the Rosenbergs had nothing to say about the decision and went on listening quietly to the radio programme.—United Press.

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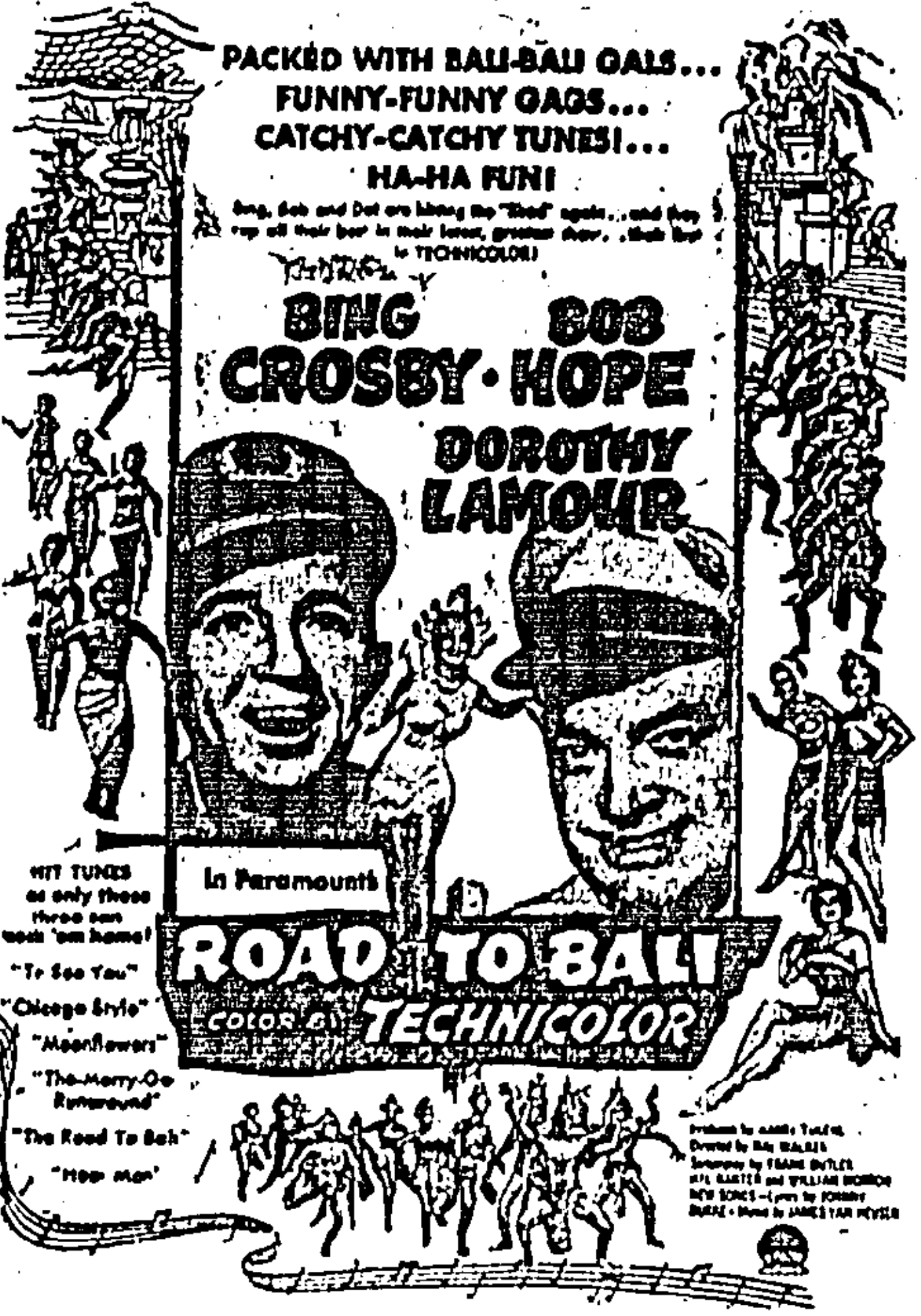


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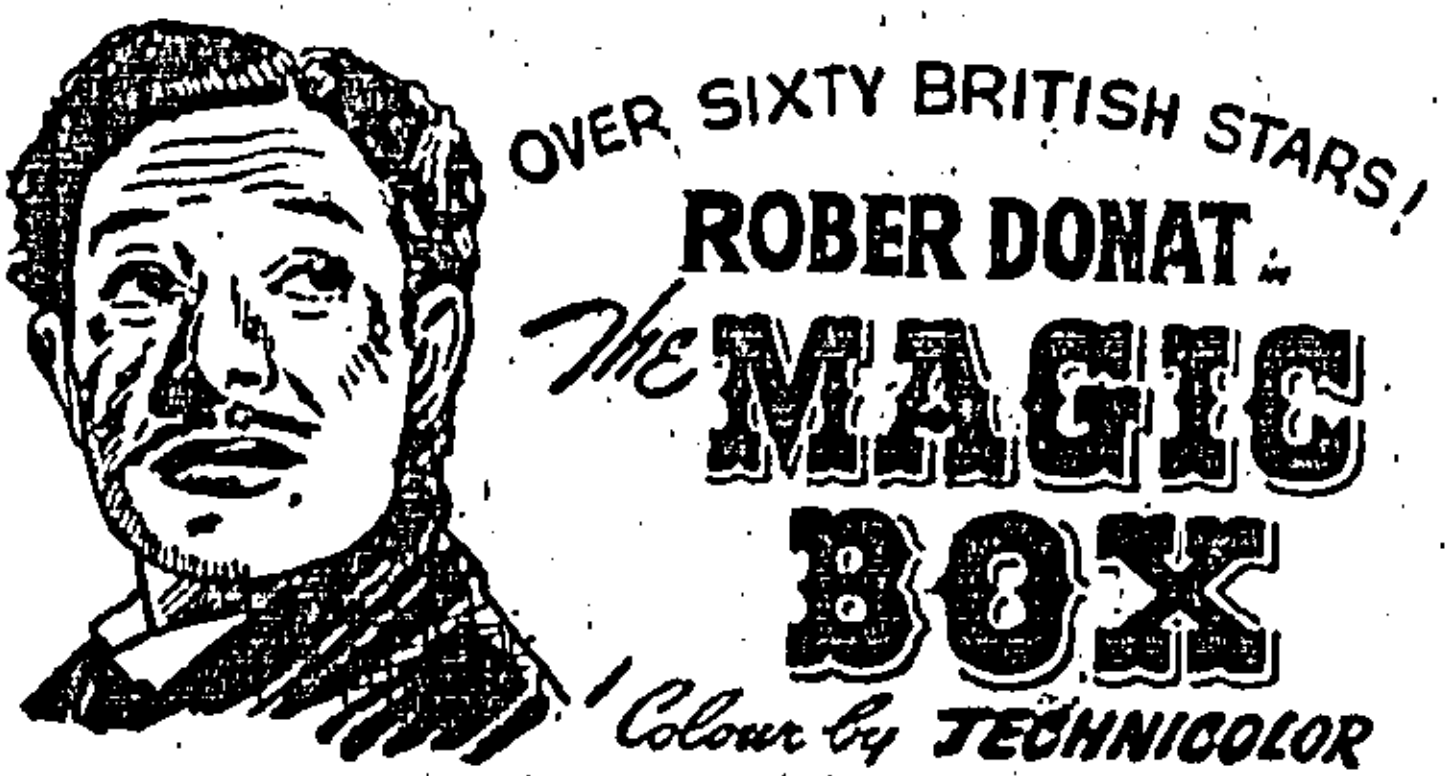


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Gregory Peck Visits Copenhagen



American screen star Gregory Peck is just completing a tour of Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark. He is seen here surrounded by a happy crowd of Copenhagen young ladies, with whom he is obviously a favourite.—Express Photo.

Yugoslavia Wants Speed-Up In Allied Arms Aid

Belgrade, Feb. 11. The Yugoslav General Staff fear that unless Western military aid to Yugoslavia is stepped up immediately she will be unable to match the increasing strength of her Soviet satellite neighbours.

Baudouin Down With Flu

Brussels, Feb. 11. King Baudouin was reported temporarily bed-ridden today with influenza. An official communiqué said the illness prevented him from visiting Belgium's flood-stricken areas.

The King returned last week from a trip to the French Riviera after the Press criticised his being abroad while the country was suffering a flood disaster. He had gone to the Riviera to recover from a previous bout with the flu.—Associated Press.

Release Of Ex-Nazis Is Sought

Bonn, Feb. 11. Release on habeas corpus writs was sought today by three more of the seven former Nazi leaders arrested by the British last month for allegedly plotting to restore Nazism to power.

Two of the ex-Nazis, Werner Naumann and Paul Zimmermann, are due to appear before a British Judge, Sir Norman Edgeley, on February 19, when their captors will be called on to show cause why they should or should not be released.

The three new applications are on behalf of Gustav Scheel, 45, former Gauleiter of Salzburg and named for a high post in Hitler's will; Karl Kaufmann, 61, former Gauleiter of Hamburg; and Heinrich Hasselberger, 46, a former SS (Elite Guard) man and "expert" on Hitler's racial theories.

Orders regarding their applications will be issued by Sir Norman either during or after the hearing of the first two cases, a British spokesman said. The seven were arrested on January 16 but no charges have yet been filed against them. The British said then that they would be held in custody while their activities in the alleged plot to overthrow the Government were investigated.—Associated Press.

A store house at Shohoji Temple in Kyoto, Western Japan, was reported to have been destroyed by fire late yesterday.

Temple treasures, including 600 scrolls of sacred books, were destroyed but the 600-year-old main building escaped damage.—Reuter

There are four aspects to this, they claim: 1. The armed forces of Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania, their Cominform neighbours, have more than doubled since 1948.

2. The deployment of the bulk of these forces along the Yugoslav border.

3. Increasing military expenditure and arms aid to the satellite states from Russia.

4. Continuous psychological and political warfare against Yugoslavia by the Cominform.

According to Yugoslav estimates, the combined forces of Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, and Albania today total to about 62 divisions compared with only 22 in 1948. (Unofficial estimates of Yugoslav strength say that the army, the largest in Europe outside the Soviet Union, has no more than 35 to 40 divisions at the present time).

These are said to comprise over 45 infantry divisions, about nine tank and motorised divisions, five to six artillery groups and three mountain divisions. Air force strength is estimated at 12 or 13 groups compared with four in 1948. The satellites have 220 aircraft, 18 of which are suitable for jets.

These army units represent today some 50 to 60 per cent of their potential numbers in wartime and comprise in all about a million men—well above the limits laid down in the Peace Treaties.—Reuter.

Pearl King's Gesture To U.S. Girl

Tokyo, Feb. 11. Japan's "pearl king", Kokichi Mikimoto, today offered to send a pearl necklace to Kate Calvea of New York as a wedding gift.

Miss Calvea recently wrote to the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce asking if she could buy cultured pearls on a monthly payment plan. Kate said she was to be married in April and wanted to include pearls in her hope chest.

Mikimoto read Kate's story in a Tokyo newspaper and offered to send her a necklace free of charge.

"It is reassuring to know that American girls are beginning to include pearls in their hope chests. I shall be delighted if my pearls bring not only beauty, but also happiness to the young lady," Mikimoto said.

The 95-year-old inventor of cultured pearls was recently ill and believed to be dying. He was reported to be fully recovered and taking an active interest in his business affairs.—Reuter.

Persian Partition Story

Fantastic Nonsense. Minister Says

Teheran, Feb. 11. The Persian Foreign Minister, Hussein Fatemi, today described as "fantastic nonsense" a report published in the New York Times, two days ago quoting a former American diplomat, Mr. J. Rive Chiles, as saying that Britain and Russia intended to partition Persia into North and South and occupy it themselves.

Publication of the report in newspapers here provoked numerous questions at Mr. Fatemi's conference.

He read out a report he had received from the Persian Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Allah Yar Saleh, which said the State Department had assured him they took no notice of such a statement.

Mr. Saleh added that Mr. Chiles had communicated his views to the former American Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Henry Byrnes, long after Mr. Chiles had ceased to be a diplomat, but he had taken no notice of them.

Mr. Fatemi said he had nothing more to add to Saleh's report beyond saying that the Iranian nation would always stand united to prevent the occupation of a single inch of their country by any foreigner.

Mr. Fatemi said Mr. Chiles had been in Persia in 1933 and 1934, but probably knew nothing about present-day Persia.

NOT OFFICIAL

The American Embassy in Teheran also promptly denied the report, pointing out that Mr. Chiles had no official position with the American Foreign Office.

An American Embassy statement today identified Mr. Chiles as a former American Ambassador to Abyssinia and said that he must have made the statement in a personal capacity and that the Department in no way took notice of it.

The United States policy towards Persia remained unchanged—one of friendship and full respect for Persia's territorial integrity. The United States did not want any part of Persia to go under foreign occupation, especially in the light of the three years' indecisive experience in Korea.

The Embassy said that the statement already released in Washington was being released in Teheran on instructions from the State Department.—Reuter.

Seized Oil's Destination

New York, Feb. 11. Anglo-Iranian Oil Company officials here confirmed today a newspaper report that oil seized from the tanker, *Rose Mary*, at Aden, was being taken to the Company's refinery at Laverton, near Melbourne, in another tanker.

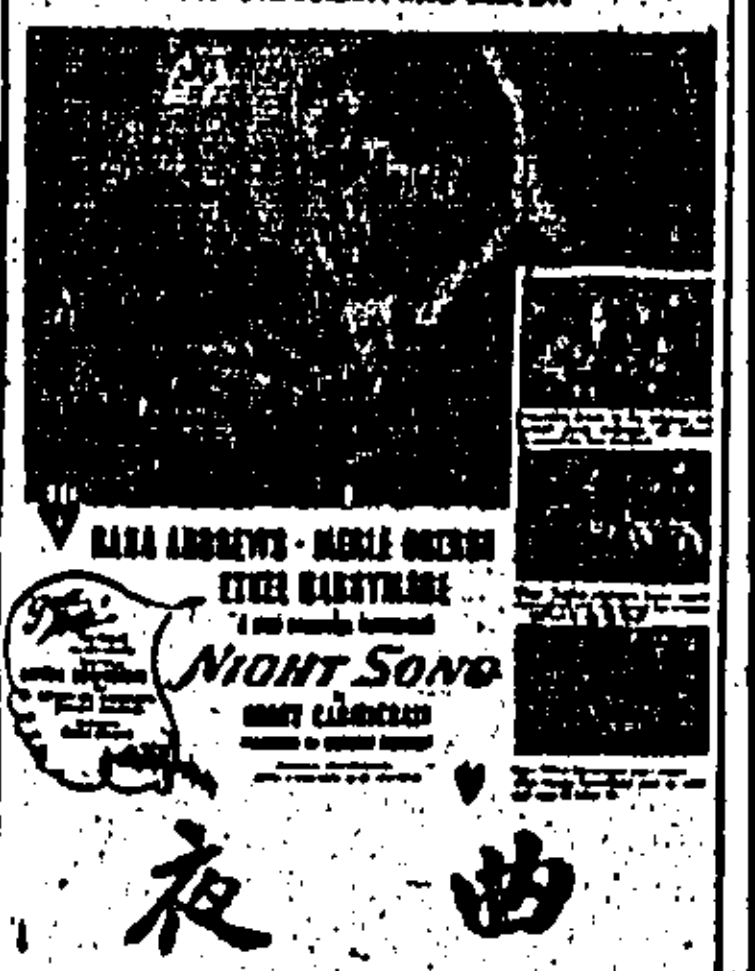
The *Rose Mary* was intercepted last year carrying a cargo of oil from Anglo-Iranian's Abadan refinery, nationalised by the Persian Government.

Last month, the Aden Supreme Court, after a seven-month legal battle, ruled that the cargo belonged to the Company.—Reuter.

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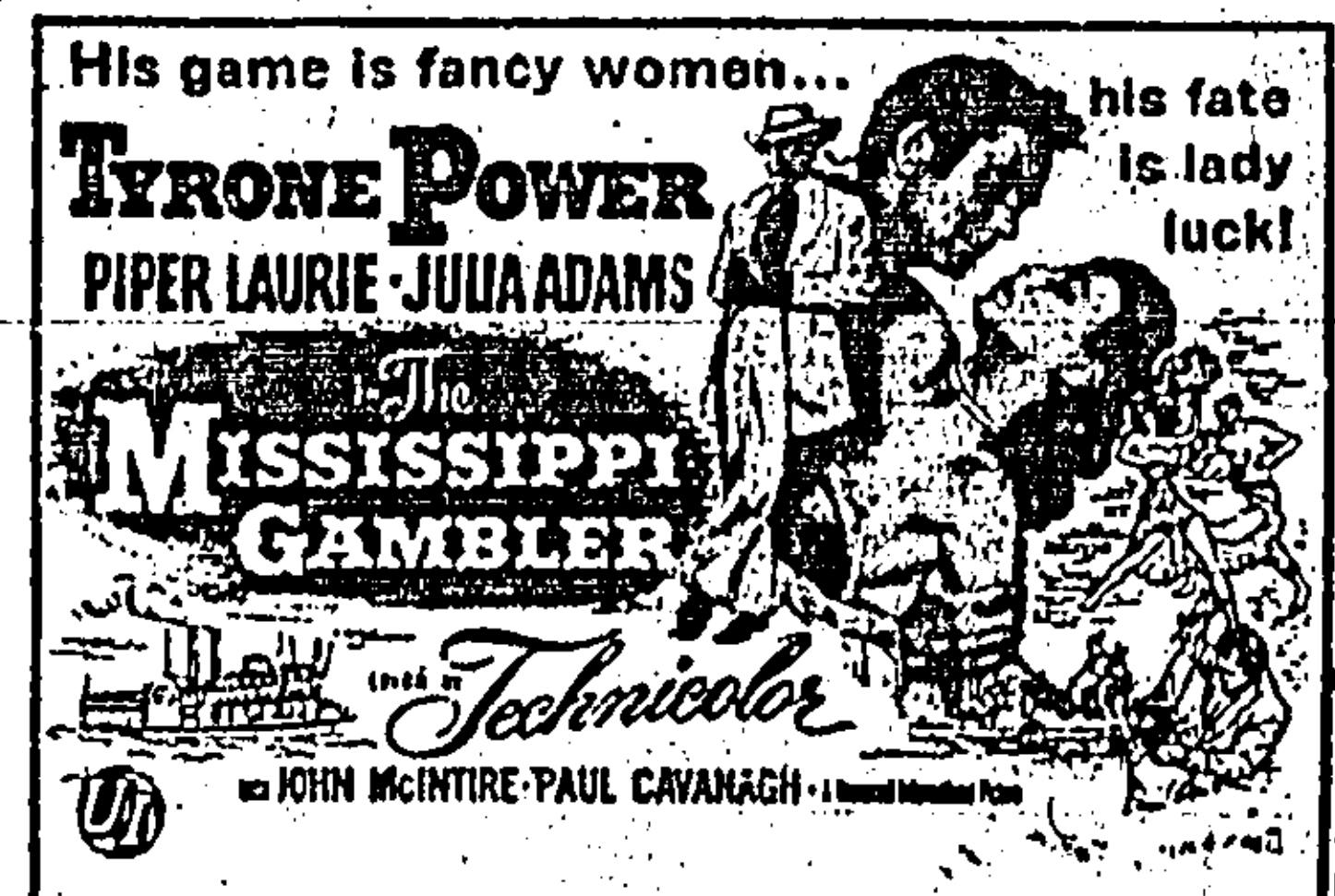


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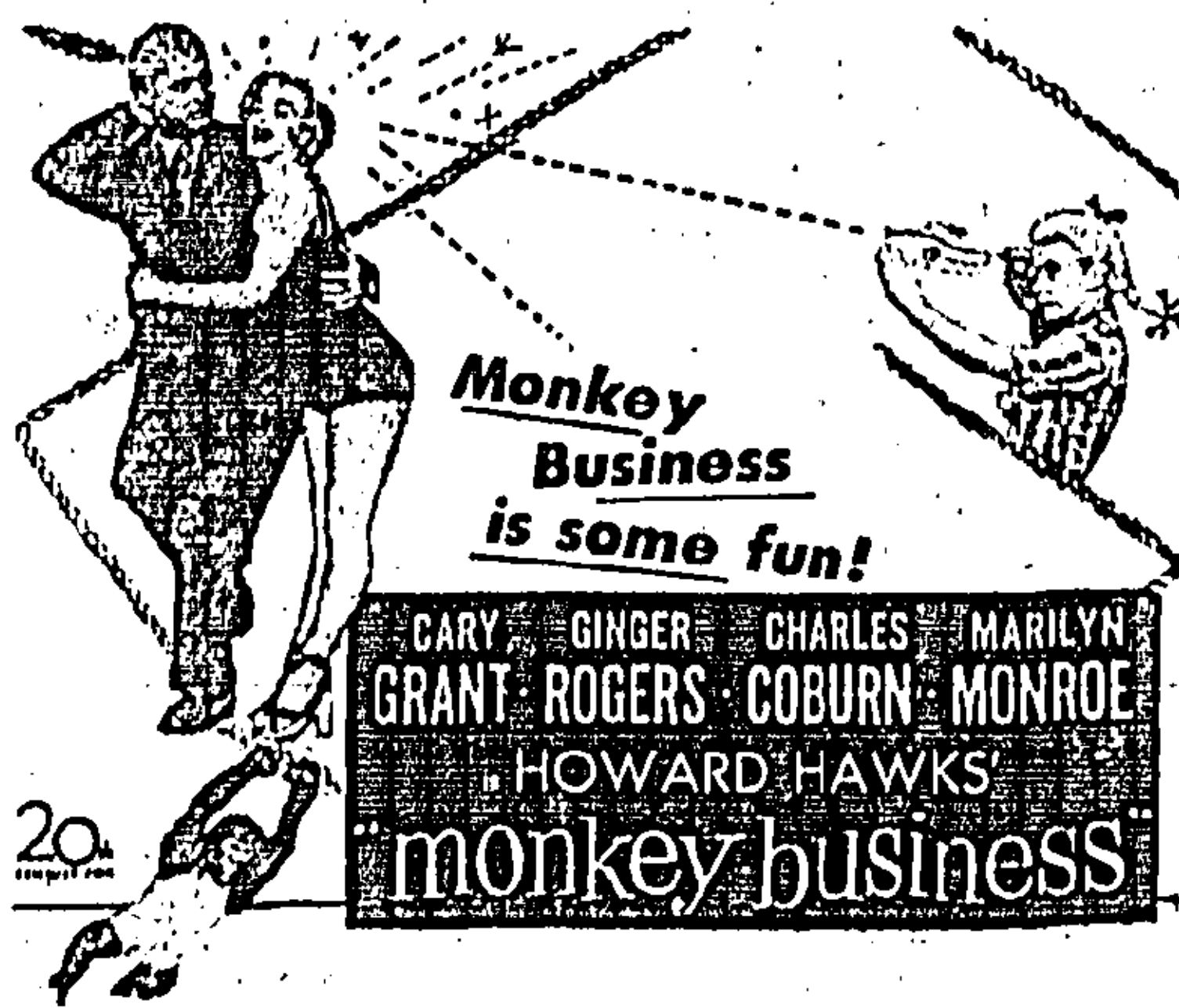


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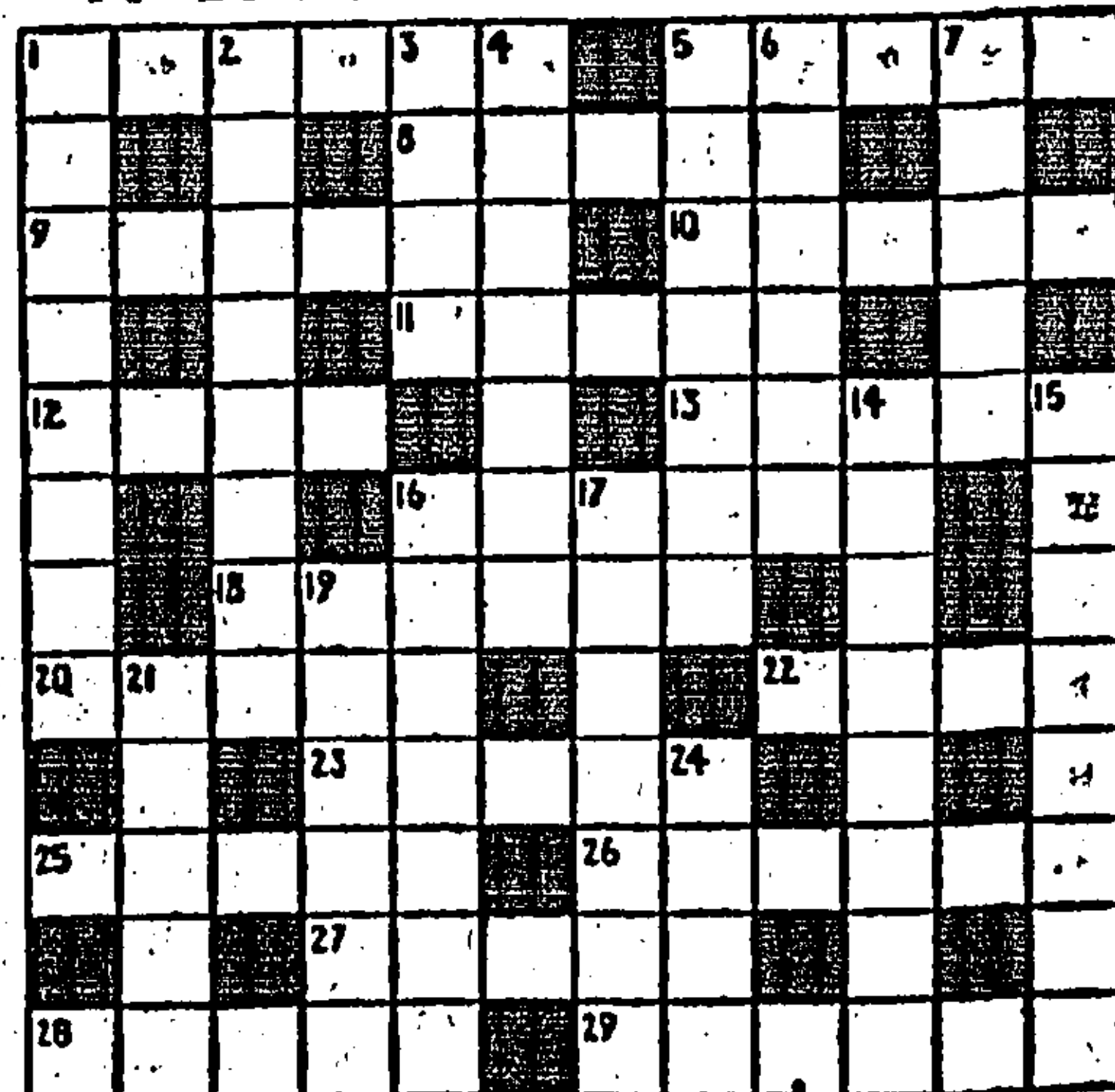
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 20. Flavour.
 22. Transparent mineral.
 23. Implied.
 24. Damp.
 26. Straw hat.
 27. Danes.
 28. Entertained.
 29. Value highly.
- DOWN:
1. Wanderer.
 2. Rider's foot-rests.
 3. Particular.
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 6. Splendid.
 7. Draw forth.
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Eisenhower Said To Have
Shelved Suggestion
For Naval Blockade

Washington, Feb. 11.

Diplomats judged today that the Eisenhower Administration has pulled back, temporarily at least, in the face of European opposition to any plan it may have had to blockade Red China.

Actually, there is strong doubt whether President Eisenhower himself had any "plan" for such a move at this stage.

Apparently as far as he went was to listen attentively to the proposals of some people whose judgment he values, particularly the Pacific Fleet Commander, Admiral Arthur Radford, and to let them advance the idea to see what reaction would follow in Congress and abroad.

The reaction in Europe was bad and the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, appears to have been able to grasp that before he left the Continent early this week.

If there was any plan it has been quickly side-tracked for a more important goal, namely, a speech in completing the European Defence Community.

Europe again won first place in the decisions of United States leaders who would rather have progress toward security in that region than a quick end to the Korean war even though

the last is a politically hot issue in this country.

If he did not do so while he was on the continent, Mr. Dulles can now at least tell European leaders that they need have no alarms about the United States taking "rash steps" in the Far East which would disrupt their European defence programme.

The United States will keep the door open for a possible blockade at some time in the future, but it is more likely — as the next step — that it will try to get closer co-operation from its allies, particularly Britain, in clamping tighter controls on the amount of strategic materials which are shipped to Red China.

Talks With
Egypt Run
Into Snags

Bonn, Feb. 11.

The West German Government tonight announced it had interrupted for an indefinite period its trade negotiations with the Arab States in Cairo.

But a Government spokesman said the West German delegation would remain in Cairo for the moment.

He said one could not yet speak of a breaking off of the talks but he was unable to say when the talks would be resumed.

Interruption of the talks was caused by "exaggerated Arab demands" and by Egypt's entry into trade talks with an East German delegation despite promises to the contrary given the West German delegation.

The spokesman said the Government was tonight informed of the interruption of the talks in a telegram from the leader of the delegation, Dr. Ludwig Westrick. — Reuter.

NOT BROKEN OFF

Cairo, Feb. 11.

Dr. Ludwig Westrick, leader of the West German trade mission, tonight denied that negotiations with the Egyptian Government had been broken off.

He told a Press conference that Egypt had proposed "a number of national reconstruction schemes an astronomical figure."

These, he said, would have to be taken to Germany for a thorough study, "reporting back what we can and what we cannot do." — Reuter.

Archaeological
Discoveries
In Red China

Tokyo, Feb. 11.

Peking radio said today Chinese archaeologists recently reported important discoveries had been made after three years' research into early human and animal remains in China.

The radio said most of the work was centred about Choukoutien, near Peking, where the skull of the Peking Man was found in 1929.

The radio said three skulls of the Peking Man and a number of bone fragments had been found since 1951 when excavations were resumed to discover more about the origin of man.

It said an outstanding discovery was the well-preserved skull of a girl believed to date back to the early Stone Age.

The radio added the skull was discovered in Suyung County, Szechwan Province. — Reuter.

U.S. Holds Up Drug

Washington, Feb. 11.

Government officials said today a \$35,000 shipment of the anti-typhoid drug Chloromycetin was being held up in the United States because of an allegation that an Italian firm handling the shipment stole the drug formula and allowed other shipments of it to go into the hands of the Chinese Communists via Hong Kong. — Reuter.

Britain's
Role In
European
Defence

London, Feb. 12.

British Ministers are waiting in a sympathetic frame of mind for any French proposals for closer British association, short of full membership, with the European Army which may emerge from the two-day Anglo-French discussions opening here today.

They are also prepared, it is understood in diplomatic quarters, to give a firm undertaking that no plans for economic development which may result from the March visit of British Ministers to Washington will be made final without reference to the countries of Europe represented in the OEEC.

British opinion sees the Anglo-French discussions as a routine contact and no request to France is expected from the British side.

The French delegation is led by the Prime Minister M. Rene Mayer.

Discussions start this afternoon between the new French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, on European defence matters and between the French Minister of Economics, M. Robert Buron and Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, on foreign trade questions.

In the discussions between the Foreign Ministers, British opinion is expecting a French move to extend either the Atlantic Pact or Britain's Mutual Defence Agreement with the future European Defence Community to a period of 50 years, the same as that for which the European Defence Community and the European Army are to be set up.

No firm proposal for the extension of British commitments in connection with the EDC has yet come from the French Government and British Ministers are understood to be very open to suggestions provided these do not ask for full British membership of the European Army. — Reuter.

Belgian Envoy
In Korea

Pusan, Feb. 11.

The Belgian Ambassador to Japan, Chevalier Guy de Schoutheete de Tervarent, and his wife arrived in Pusan this afternoon to bid farewell to 100 Belgian and 100 Netherlands troops. The troops are due to sail for home tomorrow.

The Ambassador and his wife will also attend a memorial service for 31 Belgian war dead whose bodies are being shipped home. — Reuter.

AN ESSENTIAL

London, Feb. 11.

Winthrop Aldrich, new U.S. Ambassador to Britain, arrived by plane today from New York to take up his post. He told rowmen: "Close and enduring Anglo-American friendship is an essential to preservation of the free world."

He will have lunch on Thursday with the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill. — Associated Press.

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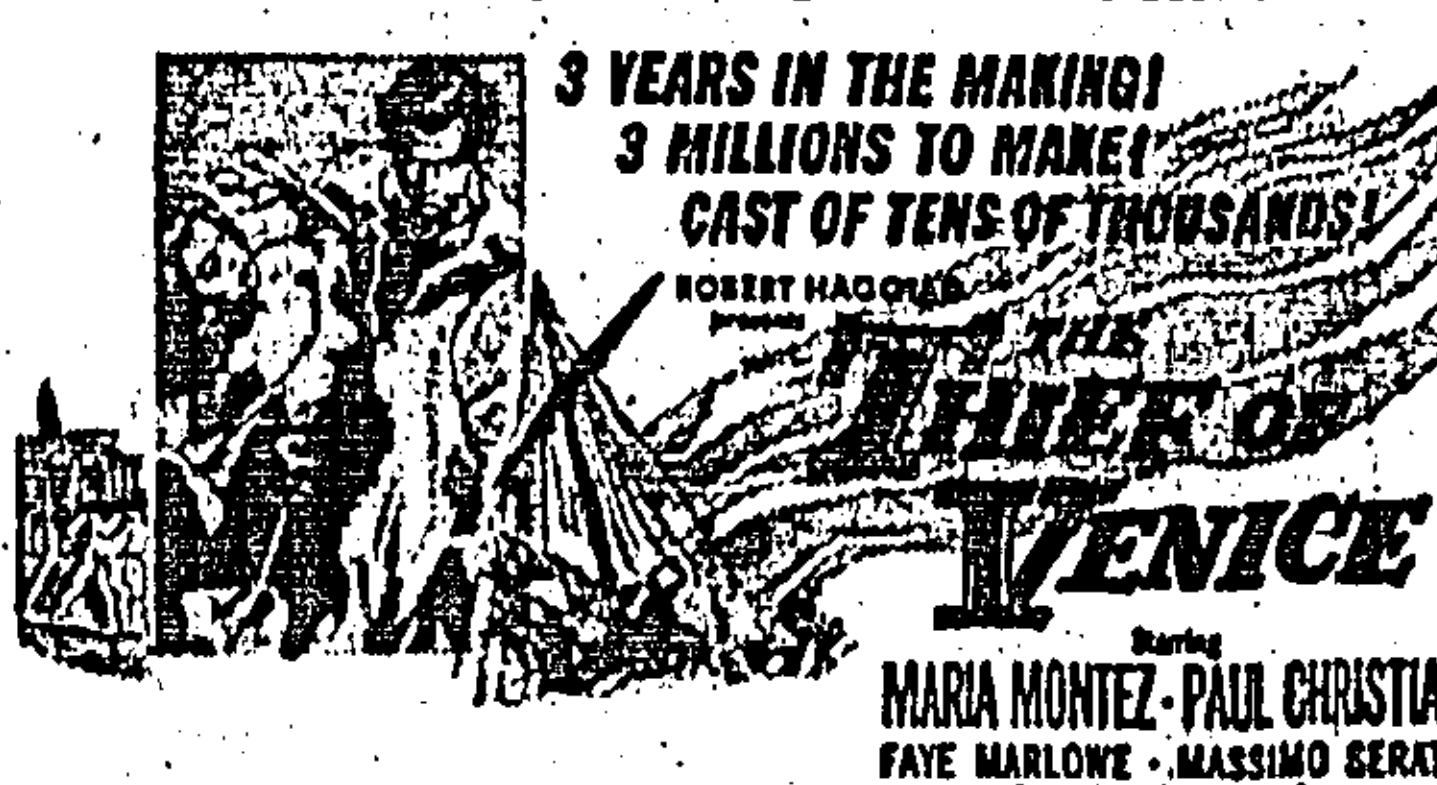
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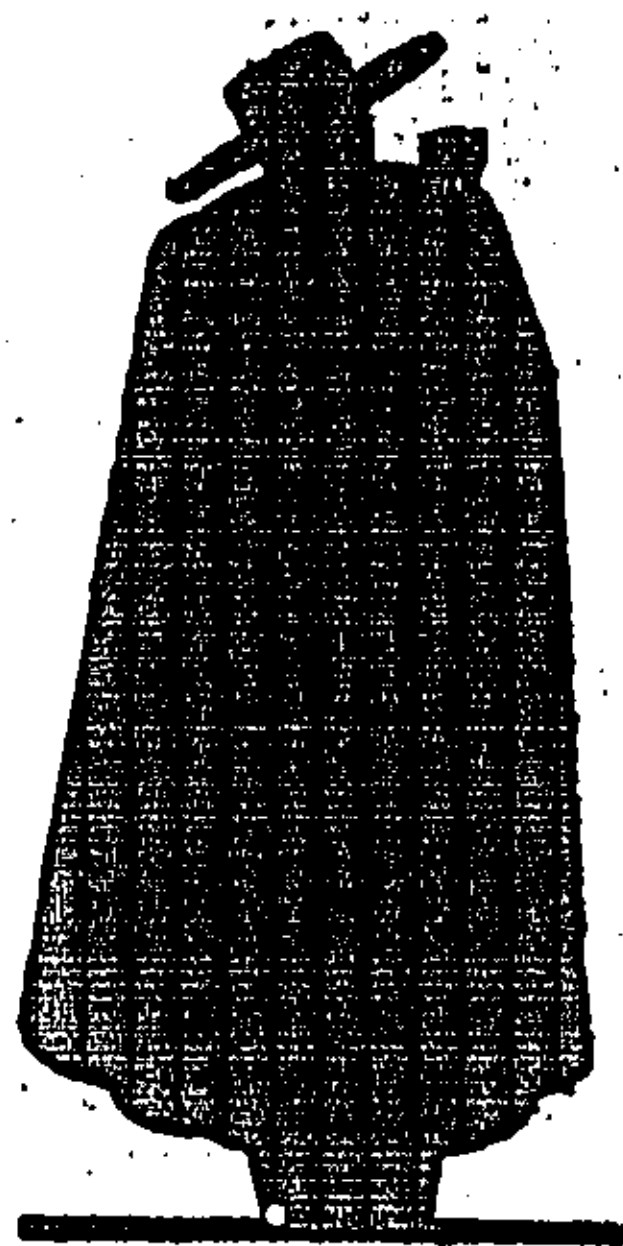
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The Duke Unchanging

A Family excursion... by BERNARD WICKSTEED

THE MAN responsible for organising the Coronation is Bernard Marmaduke Fitzalan-Howard, 16th Duke of Norfolk, Earl of Arundel, Baron Maltavers, Earl of Surrey, Baron FitzAlan, Clun, and Oswaldestre, Earl of Norfolk, Baron Herries, Earl Lord Lieutenant of Sussex, Chief Butler of England and Hereditary Earl Marshal. It is this last title that carries with it the duty of organising royal marriages, funerals and Coronations...

Executions all along

the family line with a
£20-a-year job for ever

MANY people think it is odd that the Coronation arrangements in Westminster Abbey should be made by a Roman Catholic — the Duke of Norfolk. But it is not half as odd as some of the things that went on when the Duke's predecessors held the job.

The Dukes and Earls of Norfolk have been in the coronation business for more than 700 years and a more turbulent bunch of barons never crowned a king. Their story is a pot-d history of England.

An earl called Roger Bigod was the first Norfolk to be marshal, in 1240. He spent half his life quarrelling with Henry III, but never ran a coronation because the king outlived him.

The next earl, also called Roger Bigod, was luckier. He fixed the coronation of Edward I, the man who took the Stone of Scone from Scotland and put it under his throne.

PLAGUE

AFTERWARDS Edward posted the earl overseas, but he refused to go. "By God, Bigod, you shall either go or hang," said the king. "By God, O king," said Bigod, "I shall

neither go nor hang." And he didn't.

The next king, Edward II, thought he would like a more friendly earl marshal, so he gave the job to his brother. A woman claimed the title at the coronation of Richard II, and in 1399 it went to another Earl of Norfolk, who was given the right to carry a gold rod with rings at each end instead of a plain wooden one.

It didn't do him much good. He had the usual row with the king, was banished, and died of plague in Venice.

The next earl marshal was a promising lad, but he got mixed up in a conspiracy and was executed without trial at the age of 19.

The cavalcade of Norfolk earl marshals goes on. The next one missed Agincourt because he was ill, but turned out for the coronation of Henry VI.

MURDER

HE was followed by a duke who distinguished himself by arriving a day late for the Battle of St. Albans, in 1455.

There was a second Battle of St. Albans five years later. He was in time for that, but left afterwards and went over to the other side.

This was during the Wars of the Roses, if you remember, and the wily duke switched from red to white in good time to be on the right side when Edward IV proclaimed himself king at Westminster.

CONTROVERSY... for THIS CROWNING YEAR

Now's the time
to put a dragon
in the Arms

by SPIKE HUGHES

"Quarterly, 1st and 4th, gules, three lions passant guardant in pale or; 2nd, or, a lion rampant within a double tressure flory counterflory gules; 3rd, azure, a harp or, stringed argent."

THAT in the romantic and picturesque language of heraldry, is the description of the Royal Arms.

Those passant guardant, or walking — past-and-looking-at you lions, for instance, are themselves a heraldic hangover from the time when they were quartered with the fleur-de-lis of France.

When we lost France and her lilies, the lions remained; with the result that England is represented twice in the Arms to Scotland's and Ireland's once.

[Scottish usage shows the Lion of Scotland in the first and fourth quarters, with the three English lions tucked away in the top right hand corner.]

With my own country represented by a harp or, stringed argent, regardless of whether the usage is Scottish or English or on the front of my passport, I have no complaint. But why are the Welsh not included in the Royal Arms?

Unlike the Irish, who are all (we assure ourselves) descended from numberless kings, the Welsh, in common with the English and the Scots, have provided the British Isles with a whole dynasty of monarchs in their time. And the last one, by a happy coincidence, was called Elizabeth.

Bring out that Tudor Dragon again and put it in the fourth quarter of the Royal Arms in

place of those repetitive and anachronistic lions.

The Welsh have been willing partners in the United Kingdom much longer than the Scots and the Irish; the first Prince of Wales, title of the Heir Apparent to the Throne, was created 600 years ago; they have a live, virile language. They have even won the English County Cricket Championship.

But that Tudor Dragon is scarcely ever seen outside the Principality, except on national flags at Twickenham, and on the coat of arms of the Fulham Cricket Club.

Would it be a break with tradition to include the Welsh Dragon in the Royal Arms? No. They are the personal arms of the monarch; they have changed before, for political and geographical reasons. They can be changed again.

Put the dragon passant gules with its green back, ground into that fourth quarter and you would bring an extra bit of colour into the scheme (the four quarters would be fields of red, gold, blue, and green).

The Welsh have been given fiscal and vegetable representation on our coins and stamps; the daffodil and the leek have now become an accepted part of the general design. But it has been a tardy and reluctant gesture.

The Queen, who is our Second and vegetable representation in her veins, A red Tudor Dragon in her Arms would be correct, consistent, and decorative.

An official of the College of Arms said: "We cannot come out on the suggestions made by Mr. Hughes, since they raise questions which are primarily political and not purely heraldic."

Fourth day of

THIS CROWNING YEAR

After the death of the next earl marshal, who doesn't seem to have committed any outrageous acts of violence or defiance, the dukedom of Norfolk and the earl marshalcy became extinct.

The dukedom was given to one of the Princes in the Tower, but, as you know, the Princes were murdered, and so it became extinct again.

BATTLE

BUT you can't keep a good title down, and if an extinct fish can come to life after 50,000,000 years — what's a generation or two to the Dukes of Norfolk?

The first of the Howard family — to which the present duke belongs — got the title two days before the coronation of Richard III. The Old Pais Act was operating well at the time. The salary for being earl marshal was fixed in 1483 at £220, and has remained so ever since.

Richard III was killed at the Battle of Bosworth, but Norfolk did not get the chance of running the next coronation because he was killed in the battle too.

After that the title was taken away from the Howards, till one of them gave the Scots such a beating at Flodden Field that he was made a duke again. Unlike so many of the Howards and Howards, he died a natural death, aged eighty.

He had 11 sons and seven daughters, and couldn't stand Cardinal Wolsey.

The next duke, who was earl marshal at the trial of Anne Boleyn, couldn't stand Wolsey either, and helped to get him thrown out.

Katherine Howard, who married Henry VIII, was the duke's niece, and things looked good till he was thrown in the Tower and his title taken away.

SCAFFOLD

HE had the nearest escape from the scaffold in the Norfolk record. One evening Henry VIII gave the order for him to be executed next morning, and then died in the night himself.

So the order was never carried out, and Norfolk not only got his life back but his title too.

His son was not so lucky. He had been executed at the Tower ten days before the King died. The same thing happened to his son, who was earl marshal at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth I. He made the mistake of wanting to marry Mary Queen of Scots. Elizabeth wasn't going to stand for that, so off came another Norfolk head, and went with the title again.

There wasn't another Duke of Norfolk for 88 years, when Charles II gave the family a new deal. He made one of the Howards the duke again, and made another the earl marshal. The reason he did not give both honours to the same man was that the duke was mad. The Stuarts were touchy about their heads and didn't want a maniac running their coronations.

Charles made both titles hereditary, and the Norfolks never lost their stripes again. But they had some narrow escapes.

The first of the earl marshals under Charles II's new deal was a Catholic, and had to appoint a deputy to do his work. Of the next five three were Catholics, who were not allowed to run coronations, and two were Protestants, who were.

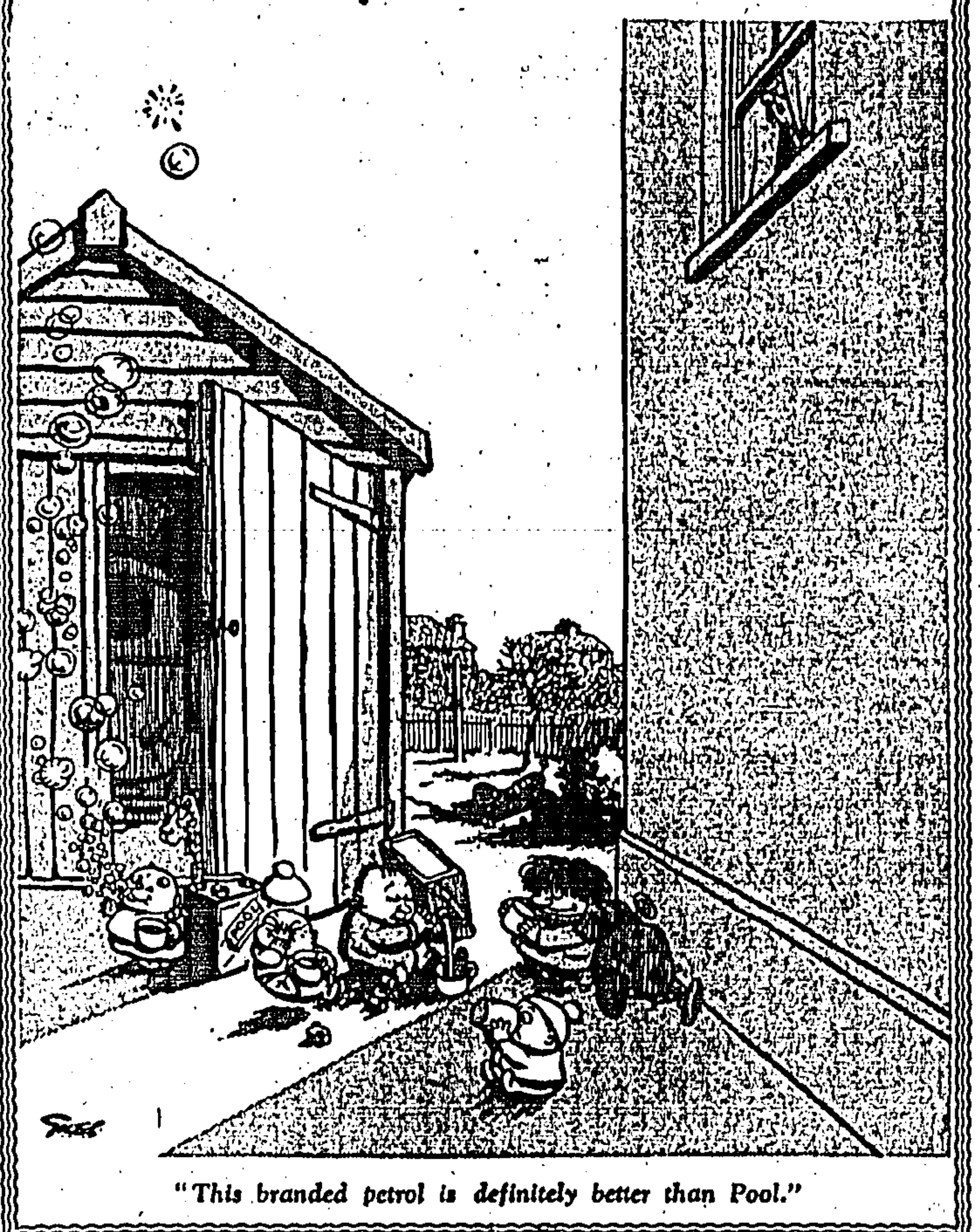
The most picturesque of the Protestants was the 11th duke, who could not stand the sight of soap when he was sober. Fortunately for the cause of cleanliness this was not often, and his servants used to wash him when he was drunk.

AND NOW?

AN end of the Norfolks? A trouble was near. In 1824 a special Act of Parliament was passed allowing them to exercise their office as earl marshal even though they were Catholics. And they have done so ever since.

You have to give and take in these enlightened days. If the current duke's job is to have a decent look at the Coronation on TV, I think we might break with tradition too, and let him keep his head.

OCTANE DAYS... by FILES



London Express Service

HOW RED are the Yanks at Oxford?



Students who 'go up' to Oxford from America are accused of falling under the influence of Communists... True or false? An Oxonian goes to investigate

Oxford, legal existence of Communist and fellow-travelling clubs in a major university must come as a shock to the visiting Americans — and must seem a considerable menace to Congressmen Velde.

I could discover only a single instance of an American having joined one of the Red organizations, a society for "the improvement of cultural relations with the USSR." It was not a Rhodes man but a private student taking a post-graduate course.



by R. M. MacCOLL

There is also the view of the head of a famous college, who, incidentally, considers that the general culture of the American Rhodes men — always high — has been steadily improving over the last quarter of a century.

He told me, "In the world of today, with its strange set of values, the liberalists and tolerance for which Oxford has traditionally stood are sometimes looked at askance elsewhere."

Canvassers

PROBABLY 25-year-old A.A. Wasserman, from Brooklyn, who studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is now in his first year as a Rhodes Scholar at Lincoln College, reading politics, philosophy, and economics, has the answer when he says:—

"It is rather surprising to find Communist clubs operating openly on the campus here (on the campus is American for part of the university). That couldn't happen back home nowadays. I suppose they come around canvassing for new members and subscriptions at the start of the academic year, just like all the others."

Had he been approached? Wasserman, dark-haired, handsome, and intelligent, smiled. "Could be. You know, such a swarm of fellows come round asking you to join this and that when you first 'come up' (Oxford for 'join the university' and you are a bit bewildered, so it's entirely possible that the 'odd Red' may have been milling around with the rest."

From my own recent knowledge of America, I can quite see that the open and

the law, just like all other political clubs. I have never heard of a Rhodes Scholar being approached, but it could easily have happened — and been reported back to America.

"As for the past, I have not heard of any Communists being appointed to the scholarships."

But there is a funny side to things — in the fact that the American newspaper most renowned for its consistently anti-British editorial policy has been attacking the Rhodes scholars tooth and nail.

For being Communist-tainted? No, no — because, it says, that all Rhodes scholars are indoctrinated while at Oxford to become British agents and spies, and then spend the rest of their lives back in America, working as agents of a foreign Power (us!).

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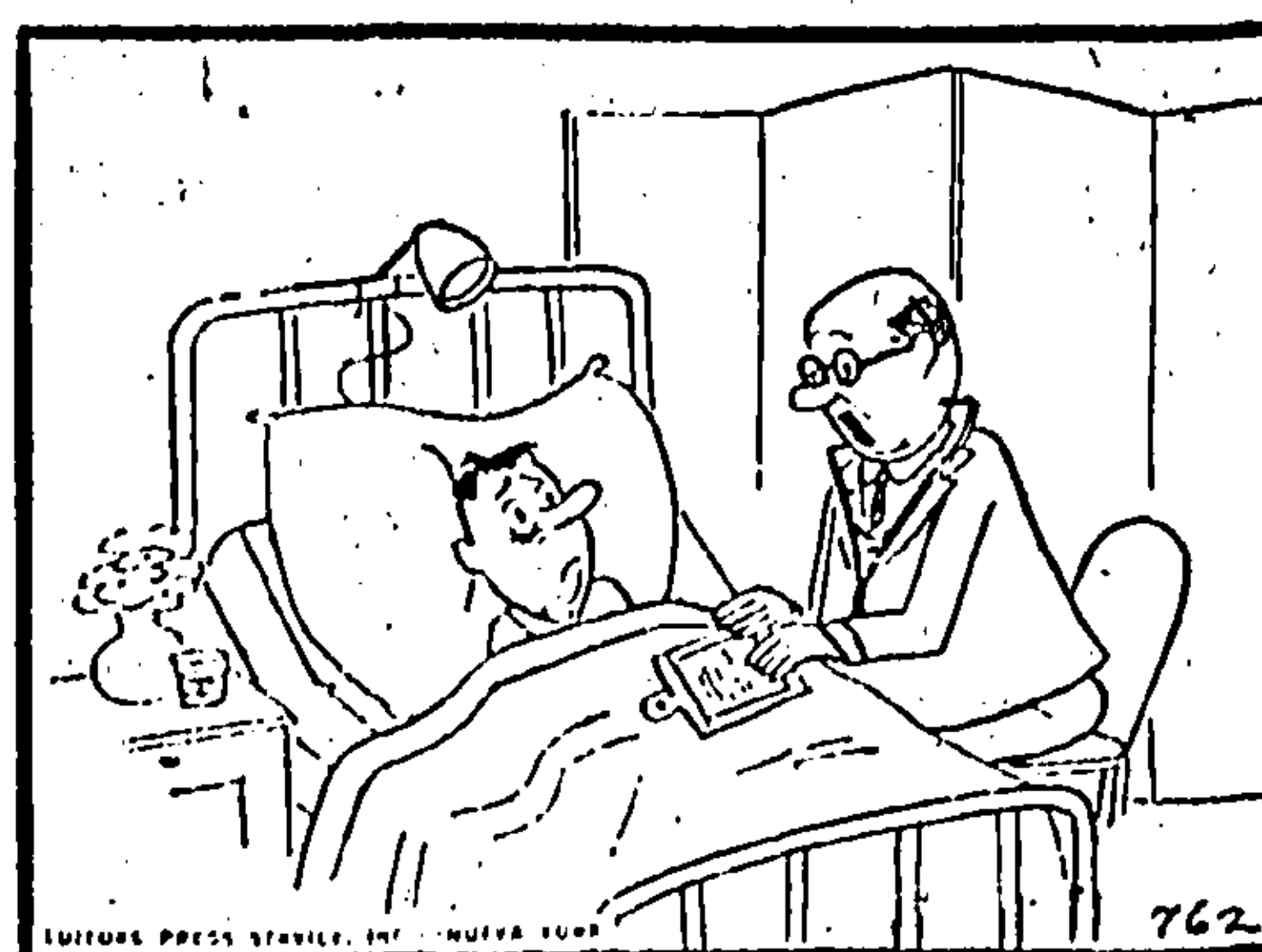
Not funny

HERE in England we may tend to smile at all this — but in the America of 1953, a Congressional investigation is apt to be no laughing matter.

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• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

SO many odd things are being found in food—the latest discovery is "Nails, bits of wood, solder, and wire"—that gourmets are buying ostriches to taste their meals for them. It looks odd, but it works.

Hotties: The afraid no place was laid for that—er—bird you've brought with you all right. He'll stand beside my chair.

Guests: Well—just as you please. Does he—or—eat anything?

Guest: Only nails and wire and things.

Hotties (laughing): Well, I'm afraid he'll go hungry tonight.

Guest: That is what I am hoping.

Bombshell for Huddersfield

ALL Huddersfield was startled today when it was known that the age-old snout, which has been claimed as a man, a marine horse, and a vegetable, was today claimed as part of a rocking-horse, lost eight years ago by little Army Cadbury. The portrait of a snout, undoubtedly fitted the damaged horse. Professor Whitehead admitted that, so far as is known, there were no rocking-horses in the pre-Plastic era or even in the proto-Plastic. This might have made the brief story of Huddersfield's snout a little more interesting, but the snout's faith of Dr. Barnacle, Professor

of Comparative Palaeobotany at the University of Nottingham, who agrees with Strabo on the vegetable origin of the delectable snout. "No rocking-horse, lost eight years ago," said Barnacle, "could possibly show signs of million-year-old fossilization." The fact that no fossilization has been proved is waved aside by Barnacle as one flicks a three-inch crumb from a bald head.

Mimie Slopconner

THE Beauty Queens' Union is calling a special meeting to discuss the case of Mimie Slopconner, who recently refused to be Miss Easter. The union is now in the bye-line, alleging that the word "fast" still implies frivolity and dalliance. Sir Graham Fawcett has commented: "Only to a very vulgar mind could the term 'faster' than sound seem to imply levity, or a tendency to flirtation, in the Edwardian sense."

A happy new weir

WHEN electric light bulbs, and radios were installed in pits, and coxes were given to the byre in centrally heated motor-vans, fish began to stand up for their rights. The result is that hydraulic lifts are being installed on certain rivers, to carry the salmon over the weir. The fish are not happy about the air to their spawning grounds shall I rest content.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

BORN to you, you have one of those naturally effervescent personalities which draw people to you without half a thought. You are a serious streak in your nature which it offers all the more baffling, since it is a part of your inner life and is rarely exposed. Yet, with increased responsibility, it becomes more developed until it is almost submerged.

The stars have given you splendid natural talents, but you may need to work hard to develop them to the utmost. You will find it is to the advantage of higher education. Yet, if you are not so privileged, you have the abilities to learn by experience.

Your judgment is usually fair and your sympathies keen. You are sometimes too much of a "softy" and will make promises which you may find it very difficult to fulfill later on. Yet, since you are a person

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).—Being diplomatic, especially at home, will keep you out of needless arguments. Hold your tongue!

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20).—End of a long work-week so go to bed at home and really relax with a good book or the radio.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20).—Don't accept everything you hear or the absolute truth until you can prove it. Avoid gossiping!

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21).—Hold to the status quo right now. Postpone starting a new project until a little later on.

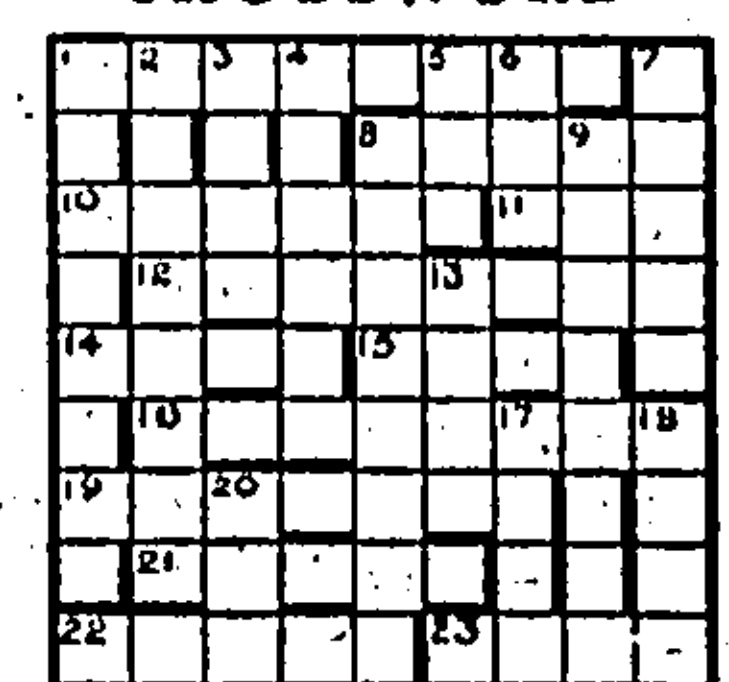
GEMINI (May 22-June 21).—This is not a day to procrastinate. A job needs doing, get it done! Meticulously and on time.

CANCER (June 22-July 23).—Look to the future and plan your work so it will bring you a real reward later on.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23).—Be careful of your possessions or avoid the loss of something which you treasure a great deal.

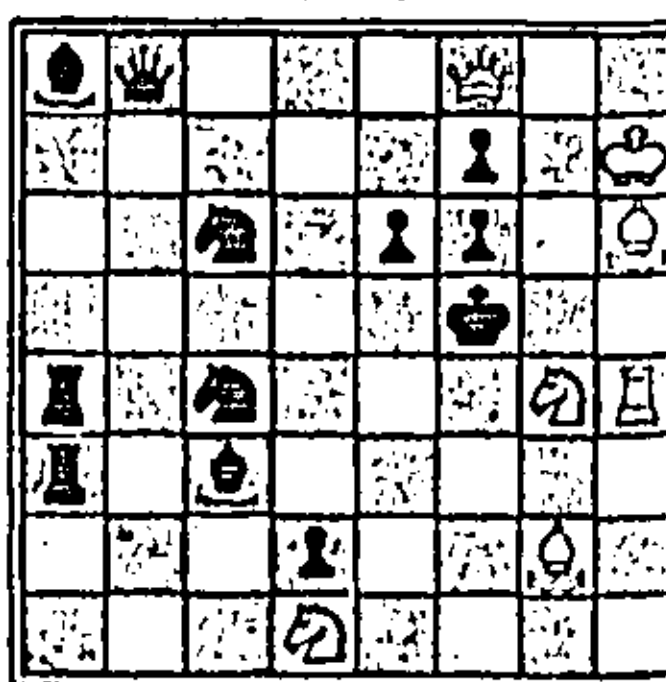
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23).—Making your future plans is of the utmost importance. Blueprint your activities carefully.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- Nine undo the silvane remark.
 - From which the dog ran.
 - Kitchen utensil.
 - Material used for shoes.
 - Horsey colour.
 - Split peas for animals.
 - Sort of garment which would be ragged.
 - The answer's lemon colour.
 - The very one to produce joyous song.
 - Who gets the cat on?
 - Dad's mother.
- Down
- Cute rind.
 - In close proximity.
 - The need is immediate.
 - His red on a silver.
 - Baths colloquially.
 - Lower stars.
 - On the road to show her regular procession.
 - White you expect from the sea.
 - Abas of 25.
 - Chasing.
 - Becomes a bird in a sils.
 - Solution of yesterday's puzzle.
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CHESS PROBLEM By C. W. SHEPPARD Black, 12 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt-Q7. 1. ... QxKt; 2. Q-Kt6 (ch); 1. ... QxKt; 2. Q-R7 (ch); 1. ... BxKBP; 2. K(Q5)xB (ch).

2. Q-R7 (ch); 1. ... BxKBP; 2. K(Q5)xB (ch).

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Game Started Same, But End Is Different

NORTH (D) 18	
♠ Q 10 7 6 2	
♥ A Q 9	
♦ None	
♣ A K 5 3 2	
WEST	
♠ K J 3	
♥ 2	
♦ A 10 7 6 4	
♣ J 8 7 0	
EAST	
♠ A 8 4	
♥ Q 7 6 3	
♦ Q J 8 3 2	
♣ None	
SOUTH	
♠ 10	
♥ K J 8 5 4	
♦ K 5	
♣ Q 10 9 4	
North-South vul.	
North	East
1 ♠	1 ♠
2 ♠	2 ♠
3 ♠	3 ♠
Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ A	

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played in a team-of-four match, one declarer was a foolish miser and the other was a wise spender.

In both rooms West opened the ace of diamonds against a contract of four hearts. In both rooms the declarer ruffed with the nine of hearts and laid down the ace of hearts. At this point the two declarers parted company.

The first declarer continued with the queen of hearts, economically allowing dummy to hold the trick. When he then tried to get to his hand with a club in order to draw the rest of East's trumps, East gleefully ruffed.

East continued with the ace of spades, getting the encouraging jack from his partner. A spade to West's king was followed by a second club ruff, and the contract was defeated.

In the second room, South ruffed the diamond, cashed the ace of hearts, and then wastefully overtook dummy's queen of hearts with his own king. This established a trump trick for East, but South wasn't worried.

South knew that he could afford to lose one trump and two spades. It was therefore perfectly safe for him to overtake dummy's trump, but not safe to let dummy hold the trick (as the first declarer had found out).

South drew a third round of trumps with the jack, leaving East with the established ten of hearts. Declarer next continued with the four of clubs to dummy's ace, reserving a finesse in either direction if he discovered a 4-0 break.

East could ruff if he chose, but he couldn't defeat the contract. South could easily win the second club trick with the queen and then lead the ten through West's jack. The defenders could take one trump and two spades, but no more.

QUICK MASHED POTATOES

ON DEAR! I FORGOTTEN THE POTATOES!

HALF JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING I READ SOMEWHERE

PEEL AND SLICE 'EM ABOUT 1/2 INCH THICK

AND DROP THE SLICES ONE AT A TIME INTO BOILING SALTED WATER

IN 6 OR 7 MINUTES THEY'LL BE COOKED

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WOMANSENSE

HATS COME OUT FOR THE SPRING



These hats were seen in London at the first of the Spring collections of Coromation fashions from Britain's leading designers.

LEFT: A "picture" style in olive green organza. CENTRE: A "coolie" model, in white. RIGHT: A natural straw boater, decorated with an outsize satin rose.

(London Express Service)

Good Recipes For Fresh Fish

By ALICE DENHOFF

FRESH fish recipes today, and indeed for any time of year. Funny how every city has its nice quota of fish restaurants, most of them doing a good business, and yet we find fish so

seldom served at home. Perhaps this group of recipes may do something to remedy that situation!

A casserole of garoupe fillets with a piquant anchovy sauce is

good eating at any time. To serve 4-6, poach 2 lbs. garoupe fillets in 3 1/2 c. water to which 1 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper and 3 small sliced onions have been added. Flake the cooked fish, watching carefully for bones. Melt 3 tsp. butter, add 3 tsp. flour, and when smoothly blended, gradually add 1 1/2 c. milk, scalded; bring to boiling point, stirring constantly. Now put in an additional 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, 1/2 tsp. each thyme and sage, 1/2 tsp. anchovy sauce, and 1/2 tsp. lemon juice; again bring to boiling point.

ARRANGE IN CASSEROLE

Arrange fish and sauce in layers in a casserole top with 1/2 c. buttered crumbs and 1/4 c. grated American cheese blended. Bake at 350 F. for 30 min. Serve immediately.

Baked pomfret in sour cream is extra delicious. Strain with buttered crumbs and 1/4 c. grated American cheese blended. Bake at 350 F. for 30 min. Serve immediately.

POMFRET DISH

For another fish baked pomfret dish, cook 1/2 garlic clove and one onion, both minced, for 5 min. in 2 tsp. butter. Add 1/2 finely-chopped green pepper, 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, one c. tinned tomatoes and one bay leaf; simmer all gently for about 10 min. Pour into a casserole, place in the sauce 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 lb. slices of pomfret that has been wiped and patted dry. Top with 4 slices bacon; bake, covered, in a slow oven (300 F.) for an hour, removing the cover during the last 15 min. of baking.

To perk up plain broiled or baked fish, serve a fine black butter sauce. To prepare 1/4 c. sauce combine 1/4 c. butter, 1/2 kitchen bouquet, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 2 tsp. lemon or lime juice in small saucepan. Heat until butter melts. Discard stems from one bunch of water, press finely cut the leaves and mix well with the sauce.

Dirt Under Her Finger Nails

By GAY PAULEY

New York. As a top fashion model, Betty Bridgers wears mink and diamonds with the nonchalance of an heiress.

But look closely at that glamorous exterior, and you'd probably find dirt under her finger nails. Because, after modelling hours, blue-eyed Betty pursues a second career—the design and production of hand of jewellery made from minerals collected from various parts of the globe.

Miss Bridgers, a native of Washington, D. C., has been modelling for close to eight years. Her new career is two years old, and grew out of a collecting mania.

Works At Home

She and her husband, a photographer, started gathering unusual looking stones on vacation trips to the Southwest. And it wasn't long until Betty's fashion sense told her the stones would make attractive and unusual jewellery.

Her first experiments were with pebbles gathered from a beach. They now are worn by her six-year-old daughter, Tina.

She polishes such minerals as tiger eye, peridot, opal, agate and azurite into everything from brooches to belt buckles.

High Fashion Model

"It's the hand-work that makes the jewellery expensive," she said. "My husband is always pointing out that I could make more from modelling."

"It's a rare thing to find interesting mineral formations smack in the middle of nature," she warned would-be collectors. "Dealers make it their business to locate them all over the world."

The model-jeweller, a tall, shapely girl in her 20's, said she hoped some day her mineral jewellery would be a full time job.

"You know how it is," she said with a grin. "A model can't go on modelling all her life."—United Press.

Household Hints

Hand-knitted garments may be hand-washed if the job is done with care. After placing in mild soap suds, rinse thoroughly, and press out moisture by rolling in a towel. Put into proper shape and size, dry on a flat surface. Finish by holding a steam iron about 1/2 inch above the garment, moving it back and forth slowly so that steam will have time to penetrate.

A taffeta lining sewn across the inside back of a jersey skirt or blouse will prevent the garment from stretching out of shape.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr. Merlin Becomes A Mouse

—It's Fun, But He Decides He'd Rather Be A Man!

By MAX TRELL

WHEN Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, came into the play-room, they expected to see Mr. Merlin the Magician sitting in his chair near the bookcase, wearing a pair of horn-rimmed eyeglasses and reading a large leather-covered book. For that is how they had left him a few minutes before.

But Mr. Merlin was nowhere to be seen!

The chair was there still by the bookcase. The book was there, lying on the chair. And on top of the book were the horn-rimmed eyeglasses.

They were quite sure Mr. Merlin had not gone out of the house. Yet where was he? "Mr. Merlin! Mr. Merlin! Where are you?" Knarf and Hanid shouted.

Sounded Like Him

At that moment a mouse crept out from under the chair where Mr. Merlin had been sitting and said: "I'm right here!" The mouse sounded exactly like Mr. Merlin. Knarf and Hanid gazed at the mouse in astonishment.

"Tut-tut, don't look so flabbergasted, my dears," Mr. Merlin's voice coming out of the mouse said. "I'm the mouse. There's nothing to worry about. I decided to change myself into a mouse just to see what it felt like."

"Oh!" said Hanid. "What does it feel like, being a mouse, Mr. Merlin?"

"It feels fine," replied Mr. Merlin, coming closer to Knarf and Hanid and sitting himself comfortably on the edge of the carpet. "You have no idea how strange this room looks to me now."

Knarf and Hanid asked Mr. Merlin to tell them what was

Man Can't Do This

Mr. Merlin watched his nose and squeaked happily. "Of course," he went on, "there are certain things you can do when you're a mouse that you can't do when you're a regular person. For instance—this!"

As he said this, Mr. Merlin ran up the leg of the table, darted across it and ran down the leg on the other side. "I'd like to see a man do that!" he said.

"And watch this!" he said the next minute. This time Mr. Merlin scampered across the room and disappeared inside a tiny hole in a corner of the wall near the floor. He put his head out. "Not even a cat could get me now!"

Mr. Merlin came out again. "And there's the matter of eating," he said. "When I was a man I used to eat and eat and eat. Now that I'm a mouse, all I need to eat is a bit of cheese. Oh—" he said suddenly.

"What's the matter?" asked Knarf.

"I—I forgot something!"

"What did you forget?"

"I forgot how to change myself back into a man! Oh, this is awful! I don't want to be a mouse any more! I want to be a man!"

Remembered the Book

Knarf and Hanid were just beginning to get worried, for it didn't seem at all like a good idea for Mr. Merlin the Magician



The mouse's voice sounded exactly like that of Mr. Merlin.

To spend the rest of his life as a mouse. Fortunately Mr. Merlin remembered about the book on the chair.

"It's a book of magic," he said. "Open it to Page 403, please!"

Knarf hurried over to the book and opened it to Page 403. Then Mr. Merlin scampered up the leg of the chair and ran up and down along the words on the page. Finally he said: "Here it is! Now I've found it..."

Then a wonderful thing happened. The mouse started spinning around and around on its tail, faster and faster, until it was just a blur. There was a sharp pop like a paper bag being burst open. This was followed by a puff of white smoke. And when the smoke cleared away, there was Mr. Merlin sitting in his chair again, with the horn-rimmed eyeglasses on, and the book in his lap.

He smiled. "It's a good thing I didn't put this book away. Being a mouse is all right for a little while, but it's better to be a man for the rest of the time."

And with that he got up, put the book under his arm and went to the kitchen to eat a big meal!

Rupert and the Hazel Nut-2



Rupert peeps into the upper part of the tree, but can't see anybody. "If there was anything there it's gone now," he murmurs as he diligently sweeps up the leaves. "As he is adding them to his pile, he hears his Mother's voice

hours play each day and the tour would take place in April, May and June, 1958, —Rout.

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S. "ANTIOCHUS"	do 10th Mar.
G. "PATROCLOS"	do 13th Feb.
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"BENLEUCH"	U.K. via Singapore 9th Mar.
"BENVEDI"	U.K. 23rd Mar.
"BENVANNOCH"	Japan 23rd Mar.

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TO	DATE
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"BENALDER"	Kobe, Osaka, and Yokohama. 23rd Feb.
"BENLEUCH"	Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama. 8th Mar.
"BENVEDI"	Direct to Singapore, thence London, Antwerp and Hamburg. 13th Mar.
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-First Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 6th March, 1953, at Noon for the following purposes:—

- To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and the Auditors' Report thereon.
- To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1952.
- To elect Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 21st February, 1953 to 6th March, 1953, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1953.

NOTICE

BANK HOLIDAYS

The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Saturday and Monday, the 14th and 16th February 1953, (Chinese New Year Holidays.)
Hong Kong, 12th Feb. 1953.

Attlee Report On Conditions In The Far East

London, Feb. 11.

Mr Clement Attlee, leader of the Labour party, said today he hoped that the religious background of Asian countries would prove to be one of the defences against "the soulless materialism of Russian Communism."

In a statement issued by the Labour Party, he said: "Much of the Continent of Asia is in Communist hands. Asia in the past has seen many conquering despots and freedom is now in many lands."

"I believe that here is a battleground of ideas. The leadership which these countries and Ceylon can give to Asia is of incalculable importance. I believe that they will give it."

Broadcast Request Rejected

Copenhagen, Feb. 11.

The Danish State Radio has refused "Radio Free Europe" permission to rebroadcast to Soviet-dominated East Europe a Danish documentary programme jammed after the Russians officially protested its airing.

The programme, entitled "The First Postwar Years," included a protest lodged by the Soviet Minister to Denmark, Mikhail Vitkov, who assailed it as an insult to the USSR, and it was jammed by a Russian transmitter.

"Radio Free Europe," a privately financed American station at Munich, wanted to translate the programme and beam it across the Iron Curtain. In refusing the request, Julius Borcholt, Chairman of the Governors' Board of the Danish State Radio, said, "The programme was not a propaganda broadcast and it is in no way going to be used as such."—Associated Press.

IMPORTANT LINK

"They do therefore, in my view, form a most important link between the cultures of the two continents," Mr Attlee said.

"More than this, these countries have inherited the traditions of freedom and Democracy and Parliamentary government."

Unlike some countries, no one of the three countries which became free and independent under his Premiership had been infected with the extreme nationalism which sought change for the sake of change.

"On the contrary, I was struck by the evidence of continuity," he added. "Of course even before the change Asians had already been in charge of much of the administration. Now they have full control."

—Reuter.

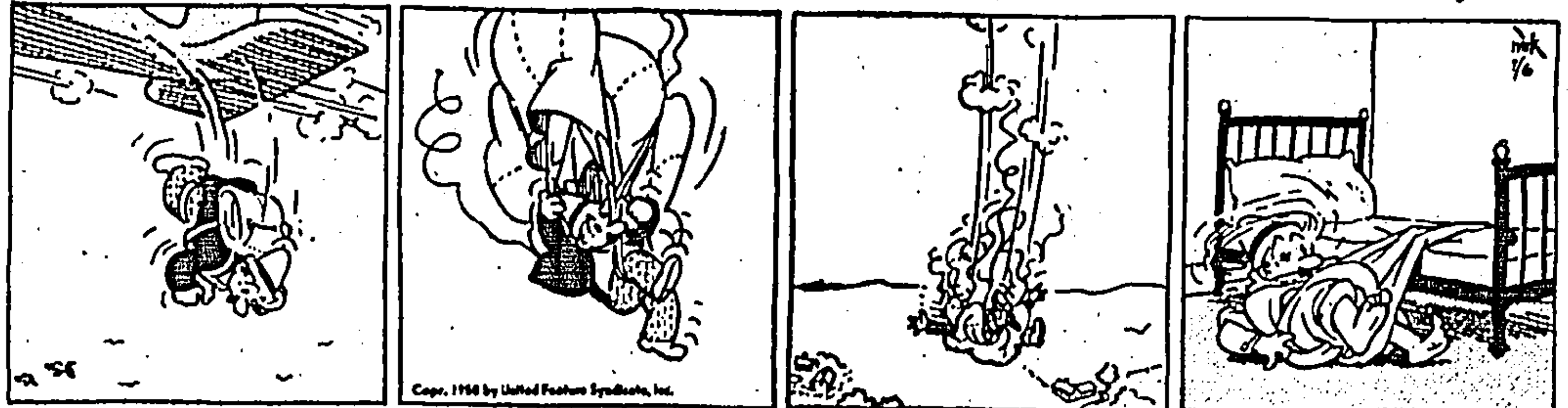
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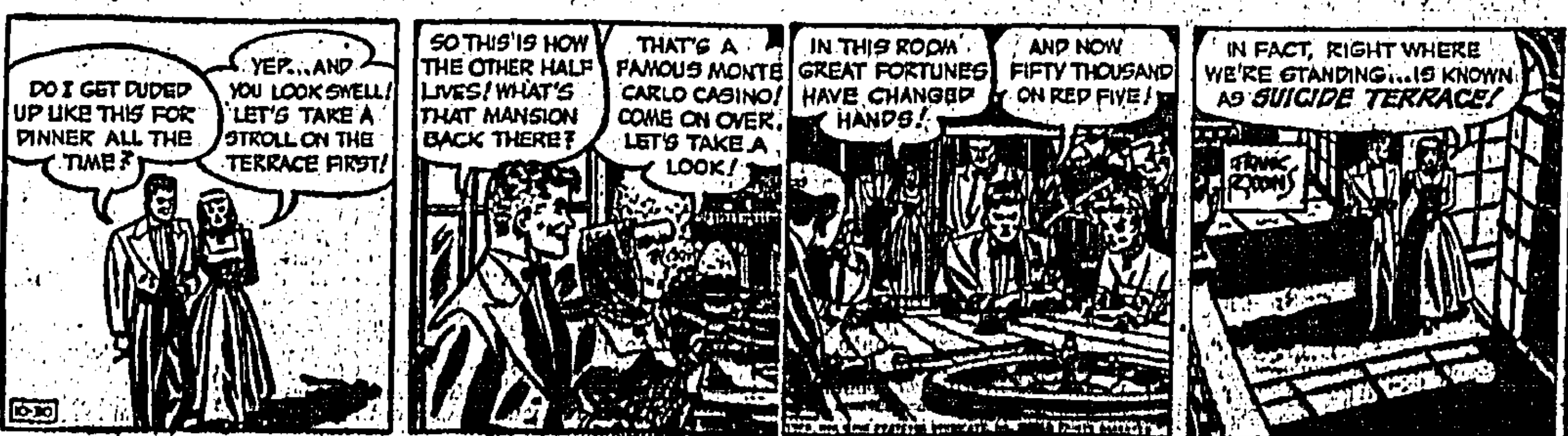
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Expert's Views On Rice Production In British Empire

London, Jan. 14.

A more vigorous attempt to expand rice production in the Commonwealth is needed as an alternative to the present means of obtaining supplies which force rice-importing countries to make large contributions to the revenues of foreign governments.

This is the view of Sir Harold Sanderson, Director of Rice at the Ministry of Food from 1941 until last year, and a past chairman of the London Rice Brokers' Association.

In a letter to the Daily Telegraph, Sir Harold pointed out that the £20 million rice-production scheme in British Guiana designed to yield 300,000 tons a year by 1973 cannot greatly affect the situation in Asia. It would be useful of shipping to grow rice in the West for consumption in the East unless there was no alternative.

Sir Harold suggests instead an expansion of rice production in areas nearer the countries where greater supplies are urgently needed—for example, in British East and West Africa. However, nothing was yet being done or projected in these areas on a scale to meet the exigencies of the situation.

He points out that the price of rice has risen since pre-war days from £5 to £80 a ton, and adds: "It may not be generally known that the producer benefits little from this enormous increase, because the governments of the exporting countries concerned retain for their own purposes profits which, at current prices, exceed £50 a ton."

"In these circumstances, the necessity for a more vigorous

policy in expanding rice production within the Commonwealth, as an alternative to contributing on such a scale to the revenues of foreign countries from which we are now forced to buy, must surely be obvious."

Footnote: In an earlier article in the Daily Telegraph, Mr. Bernard Braine, M.P., said it should be a task of the highest priority to develop new sources of rice supplies within the Commonwealth. Nowhere were possibilities greater than in British Guiana, where a Government scheme had been started to bring under water control nearly one million acres of cultivable land, half of which could be used for rice production. Conditions also existed for an expansion of rice production in Jamaica and Trinidad.

Copra Quotation

New York, Feb. 11.
Copra was quoted today at \$217 per short ton. Coconut oil was quoted at 10½ cents a pound, nominal.—United Press.

British Government's Plan To Speed Up Development In Commonwealth

London, Feb. 11.

Mr Butler had little to add to what was already known about it when he opened the debate on the Commonwealth Conference.

The £60m. which is to be made available to the International Bank over the next six years measures the size of the sprat which is being dangled for the mackerel of greater activity by that organisation and its sister, the I.M.F.

The unwillingness of the other members of the Sterling Area to see any kind of Managing Board set up is already common knowledge.

It is useful to emphasise that the development of the resources of the United Kingdom was agreed to be at least as important as the development of any other part of the area, as a corrective to the publicity given to the so-called "under-developed areas," but is not a new news. What everyone wants to know about the Conference—what steps it decided on to promote freer trade—cannot in the nature of the case be revealed until discussions have taken place with the Americans and other interested parties.

What Mr Butler said, in effect, was that the Conference had decided to use the breathing-space which has now been gained to lay its plans for long-term stability—that is to say, for working out and then putting in practice plans for making Sterling in some sense "convertible."

JANUARY GOLD

In these circumstances the immediate question is how long a breathing-space has been gained. Consequently the chief interest in Mr Butler's statement was his disclosure of the movement of gold and dollar reserves in January. The changes in the trend of the flow of gold into or out of the reserve provide the best means of judging how long a breathing-space is available.

The rise in the reserve in January was heartening. The increase of \$12m. compares with the average rise of \$14m. in the last three months of last year (excluding the service of the U.S. and Canadian credits) and is the biggest since March, 1951. The bare statistics, however, considerably overstate the improvement that has actually taken place.

Excluding the \$18m. which was paid on the U.S. and Canadian debts last month, the January figure is actually exactly the same as that of December; and in December payments were still being made for dollar goods used in the bitrage scheme of last summer. Now, moreover, the gold which is being earned from E.P.U. is falling rapidly.

The average monthly settlement of the United Kingdom's E.P.U. credit in the last quarter of last year was \$71m. This month only \$58m. was received. The trading balance of January now indicates that in February only \$18m. will be paid in gold; and after that there is only another \$9m. to go before gold is earned at the rate of 50-60 for the surplus, not as now at the rate of 70-80. The effects of a bitrage scheme on our E.P.U. surplus have also now run out and the £9m. earned in January looks more like the "normal" surplus which can be expected each month.

DOLLAR BALANCES

The reduction in gold-earning from E.P.U. means that the dollar balance now depends chiefly on the two other sources of supply—the balance which results from all the current and capital transactions of the Sterling Area with the dollar area, and the inflow which derives from American aid.

When all other influences are removed from the figures it appears that the dollar balance of the Sterling Area with the dollar area rose from \$10m. in the third quarter of last year to \$180m. in the last quarter.

In January it was only running at the quarterly rate of \$100m. The variation from month to month is not of very great significance, and provided that confidence in Sterling remains as strong as it is now, there seems no reason to fear that the balance will tip over to the wrong side at least for the next few months.

Indeed, since the United Kingdom will not be importing American steel this year, the whole area may do better than this.

At the same time the prospect for American aid in the immediate future is relatively good. In the last quarter of 1952 aid flowed in at the monthly average of just over \$30m. On the best calculation that can be made it should average about \$45m. for the first six months of this year—and that was almost exactly the figure that was received in January. Thereafter, of course, the amount will

depend on the 1953-54 appropriation in Congress and there may, anyway, be a temporary fall until this has been fixed and before "offshore" dollars begin to flow in.

What all this comes to is that there is a good prospect that the Sterling Area's dollar balance will remain on the right side at least for the next six months. Unless there are some unforeseen changes the position should be held for the month which immediately follow. But this should be taken as underlining the need for firmness and speed rather than as grounds for complacency. The achievement of the Commonwealth Conference's plans must be well in hand by the autumn.

New Oil Region In Lebanon Possible

Beirut, Feb. 11.

Oil may soon gush from one of the Middle East's most historical regions—Lebanon's Bekaa Plain, the site of the ancient Phoenician city of Baalbeck—City of God.

Today American drillers and their drilling equipment are regularly reaching Beirut in preparation for a new Middle East "black gold" discovery bid. A group of Lebanese and American businessmen are financing the oil search. They expect to pour seven million Lebanese lira (£750,000) into the project.

But it is not expected that the drilling will start before March since Lebanon is at present gripped by winter snows and frost.

Oil discovery in Lebanon, Eastern Mediterranean coastal state of 1,250,000 people where East meets West, would make the State the third Arab oil-producing country. The other two are Iraq and Saudi Arabia. At present Lebanon has two oil terminals—Tyre-Tripoli, where the Iraq Petroleum Company pipeline ends, and Sidon, terminal point of the Arabian American Oil Company's line from Saudi Arabia.

According to current plans the first experimental well will be sunk at Bekka Valley, which is inland of the Lebanon mountain range extending to Syria.

The valley is already of international fame as thousands of tourists visit it annually to see the Baalbeck temple ruins whose ancient pillars are the world's biggest.

Oilmen, meantime, are optimistic that the district contains abundant oil supplies.

And the Lebanese Government welcomes the project with its investment of foreign capital. American equipment is being allowed to enter the country duty free. But Lebanon wants a share of any profits, and exploration work is proceeding on this understanding.

Navigation Agreement Negotiations

Tokyo, Feb. 11.

The Japanese Government is reported to have started negotiations with the Indonesian Government on the renewal of the navigation agreement now in force between the two countries. Under the existing agreement, Japanese freighters are allowed to make 25 voyages to Indonesia annually.

Of this total, vessels of the Tokai Company, which ply regularly between Japan and Indonesia, have already made 15 trips and other ships 10 voyages. In order to remove this bottleneck, the Japanese Government will ask for blanket clearance for all Japanese ships calling at Indonesian ports under the new navigation agreement, which Japan wants to sign with Indonesia as soon as possible.—France-Press.

Recovery In Tea Prices

London, Feb. 11.

"Tea prices have pulled out of the nose-dive which started in 1952. The improvement, which has been gradual, is no doubt partly seasonal at the present time," writes City Editor Ernest Eve.

"However, it has brought prices once again in reasonable relation to those of 12 months ago."

"Sales on the London Auctions are averaging only 1½d a lb less than a year ago. However, the figures require scrutiny, for behind the apparent similarity there are wide differences in experience between the various tea-producing areas."

"While Southern Indian teas are 3d a lb lower, Pakistan teas on the London market are down by 9d, African teas are lower by more than 6d a lb."

"But the most striking difference is in the average for Ceylon teas, which has shot up by 9d a lb compared with a year ago."

LONG VIEW

"The stolid investors in tea shares take a 10 or even 20-year view of the industry."

"They might usefully look at these latest averages, which indicate for the first time for a decade the public's preferences strongly expressed with the ending of rationing."

"But it will be a long pull for most companies before tea profits look healthy again."

"And 1952 profits must show the effect of sales at a loss of as much as 9d a lb in some instances."

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Feb. 11.

Wheat futures closed today ¼ to ½ higher and soybeans 2½ to 3½ higher. Prices of grain futures closed as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel	Spot
March	222 nominal
May	223½-15
July	225-225½
September	227½-15
December	231
Corn	154 nominal
Spot	153½
March	156½-15
May	157½-15
July	159½
September	162½-15
December	166½
Rye	168½ nominal
March	174-175-15
Oats	73½-15
May	73½-15
New York flour—per 200 lb. sack	\$12.25 nominal.—United Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Feb. 11.

World sugar futures closed today 1 higher to 2 lower with sales totalling 150 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed unchanged to 5 points higher with sales totalling 570 contracts.

Contract No. 4 (world)	March
March	350-351
May	355
September	360 bid
October	362 nominal
January	365
March	371
May	375
September	380
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